

AS OF EARLY HAY 1984, THE ARENA
PARAMILITARY UNIT HEADED BY HECTOR ((REGALADO)), FORMER CHIEF OF
SECURITY FOR D'AUBUISSON, WAS INTACT AND FUNCTIONING. HE SAID
THAT MEMBERS OF REGALADO'S UNIT WERE MAINTAINING SMALL ARMS
PROFICIENCY AT A PRIVATE FIRING RANGE IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM IN SAN
SALVADOR AND CHECKING OUT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE ARENA MEMBER
CLAIMED THAT REGALADO WAS ARRANGING THE PURCHASE IN THE UNITED
STATES OF APPROXIMATELY 10 INGRAM SUBMACHINE GUNS, IN 9MM AND 45
CALIBRE, REGALADO, ACCORDING TO THE ARENA MEMBER, PERSONALLY
SOLICITS FUNDS FOR HIS OPERATIONS FROM ARENA SYMPATHIZERS BUT DIVERTS
SOME OF THESE FUNDS FOR HIS PERSONAL USE, A PRACTICE OF WHICH
D'AUBUISSON IS ALLEGED TO BE AWARE. THE ARENA MEMBER ADDED THAT
ARTURO ((DUENAS)) REGULARLY SUPPLIES REGALADO AND OTHERS WITH A
VARIETY OF OFFICIAL SALVADORAN DOCUMENTS.

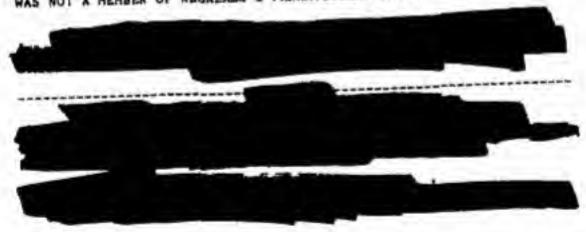
3. THE ARENA HEMBER STATED THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS IN REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT IS RICARDO ((ROGEL)) WHO HANDLLS "ERNESTO," "LUIS" AND "MARIO," THREE SALVADORANS FORMERLY INVOLVED WITH THE INSURGENTS. THE ARENA HEMBER SAID THAT A REGULAR PARTICIPANT IN REGALADO'S UNIT IS SALVATORI ((VENUTOLO)), WHON HE DESCRIBED AS YOUNG, BLOND AND FAIR-COMPLEXIONED. WITHOUT ELABORATING FURTHER, THE ARENA HEMBER SAID THAT TWO CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF REGALADO, AMADEO ((MARTINEZ)) AND JORGE ((EAZBEK)), ARE PROBABLY MEMBERS OF REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT AS WELL. THE ARENA MEMBER ADDED THAT PATRICIA ((MARTINO)), WHO WAS RUMDRED TO BE REGALADO'S GIRLFRIEND, WAS A MEMBER OF THE PARAMILITARY UNIT WHO DISAPPEARED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES AROUND APRIL/MAY 1983.

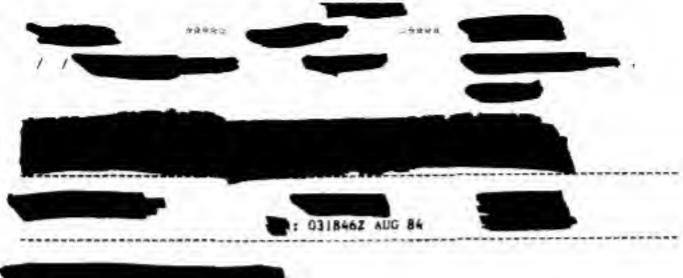
4- ACCORDING TO THE ARENA HEMBER, AMONG REGALADO'S CLOSEST COLLABORATORS IN THE SALVADORAN MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES ARE POLICE INSPECTOR ARNOLDO ((LINARES)) AND SALVADORAN ARMY LIEUTENANT DAVID ((KOCH)). THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT LINARES IS A KEY MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN MATIONAL POLICE'S (PM) "DEATH SQUAD." THE INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS CENTER (CAIM) WHICH THE ARENA MEMBER CLAIMED TO BE MUCH MORE ACTIVE THAN REGALADO'S UNIT. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT KOCH IS A MEMBER OF EITHER THE BELLOSO OR ATLACATL BATTALION OF THE SALVADORAN ARMY. HE ADDED THAT LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARISTIDES ((MARQUEZ)), FORMER PN D-2 WHO WAS ASSIGNED ABROAD IN EARLY 1983, WAS ALSO A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF REGALADO'S UNIT.



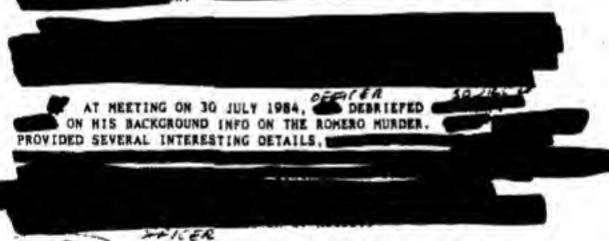
THE ARMED FORCES" (ESCALAFON) OF EL SALVADOR, ONE LIEUTENANT DAVID KOCH ARANA, BORN 12 FEBRUARY 1956, ENTERED ON DUTY ON 1 FEBRUARY 1975, WITH DATE OF RANK, 31 DECEMBER 1981. KOCH IS DESIGNATED AS AN "ENGINEER CAREERIST IN THE SALVADORAN MILITARY." NON-GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AGENCIES CONSTANTLY BLAME CAIN FOR KIDNAPS, TORTURES AND KILLINGS OF ACADEMICIANS, STUDENTS AND OTHER CIVILIANS.)

- 5. THE ARENA HEMBER SAID THAT A GUATEMALAN CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT IS LUIS ((MENDIZABAL)), OWNER OF BOUTIQUE ENILO ON FIFTH AVENUE IN GUATEMALA CITY. ACCORDING TO THE ARENA MEMBER, MENDIZABAL'S ASSISTANCE TO REGALADO'S OPERATIONS INCLUDES THE PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS. THE ARENA HEMBER SAID THAT ROLANDO ((MATAHU)), A GUATEMALAN PARAMILITARY SPECIALIST, HAS ALSO WORKED CLOSELY WITH REGALADO. IN THE GUATEMALAN SECURITY SERVICES. THE ARENA HEMBER SAID ONE OF REGALADO'S CLOSEST SUPPORTERS WAS GENERAL GERMAN ((CHUPINA)) BARAHONA, FORMER POLICE CHIEF UNDER THE LUCAS ADMINISTRATION. THE ARENA HEMBER ADDED THAT (FNU) ((GUIDEL)). ALIAS: "EL GATO," WHO WAS KILLED WHILE IN PRISON, AND A PEDRO ((AREDONDO)) WERE CLOSE REGALADO COLLABORATORS. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A RIGHTIST WITH EXCELLENT ACCESS TO OFFICIALS OF ARENA AND WHOSE REPORTING IS GENERALLY RELIABLE, MENDIZABAL IS A LONGTIME FRIEND OF REGALADO AND A GUN SUPPLIER FOR ARENA. HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH REGALADO IN THE PAST ON DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES BOTH IN EL SAL VADOR AND GUATEMALA. HE IS MARRIED TO THE SISTER OF LUIS FERNANDO ((PIVERAL)), THE OWNER OF A LARGE FARM CALLED "LA SONRISA" (THE SMILE), A KNOWN HAVEN FOR RIGHTISTS. MENDIZABAL REPORTEDLY ALSO HAS LONGTIME LINKS WITH D'AUBUISSON.)
 - 6. THE ARENA MEMBER ALSO NOTED THAT ONE ANIBAL "CHELE" (LNU) . A SALVADORAN CIVILIAN, WAS VERY ACTIVE IN DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY BUT WAS NOT A MEMBER OF REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT.





SUBJECT: ROMERO MURDER CASE



THE FOLLOWING INFO. ROMERO WAS MURDERED BY EXTREME RIGHTISTS.

ANGRY BECAUSE OF HIS LEPTIST POLITICAL IDEOLOGY AND THE THREAT

HE POSED BY INCITING THE MASSES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

ACCORDING ID ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WAS INVOLVED IN THE

PLOT, TO WHAT EXTENT HE WAS NOT SURE. HE WAS TOLD OF D'AUBUISSON'S

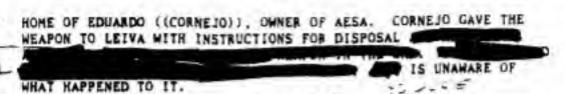
INVOLVEMENT AND THE RIGHTISTS' COMPLICITY BY AIR FORCE CAPT.

ROBERTO ((LEIVA)) JACOBO. SHORTLY AFTER THE MURDER OF ROMERO

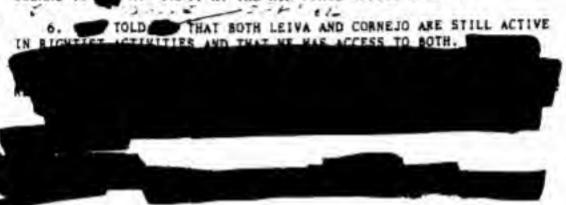
IN DECEMBER 1980, LEIVA TOLD

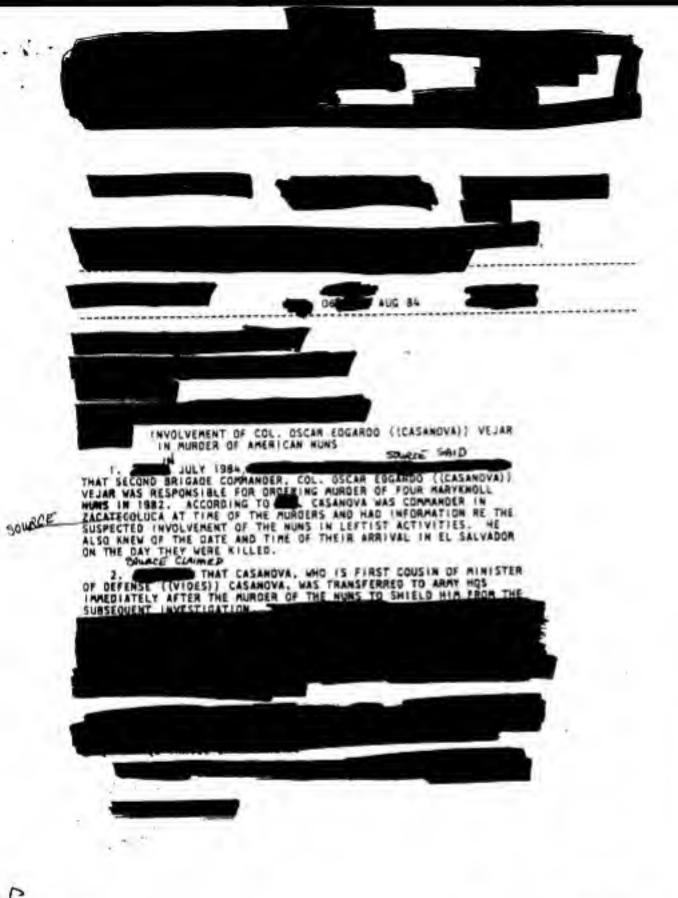
THAT THE HURDER WEAPON, A . ZZ CAL RIFLE, WAS SNUGGLED INTO EL SALVADOR FROM MIAMI ABOARD AESA AIRLINES (AEROLINEAS EL SALVADOR, S.A.). LATER, SAW THE MURDER WEAPON AT THE

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5. LEIVA FURTHER TOLD THAT TWO CUBANS WERE CONTRACTED BY RIGHTISTS TO KILL ROMERO. LEIVA POINTED OUT ONE THE CUBANS TO AT PARTY AT THE AIR FORCE OFFICERS CLUB.





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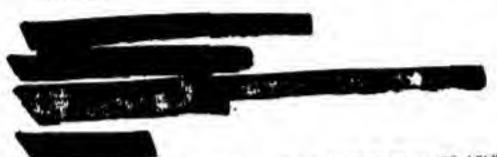




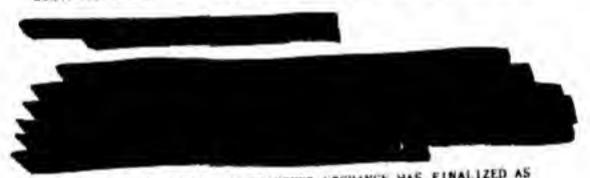
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SUGJECT: ADDITIONAL DETAILS UN SALVAIRIRAN PRISONER EXCHANGE



2. THE DEAL FOR THE PRISONER EXCHANGE WAS FINALIZED AS

JUST CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSIONS (NOT PONENT PARTIES WILL BE SHAPPED FOR AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SALVADORAN MILITARY OFFICERS. A MAJOR HOLD UP IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OCCURED WHEN THE FILM INITIALLY REFUSED TO RELEASE MAJOR CARLOS NAPOLEON ((MEDINA!) GARAY BECAUSE OF HIS KEY ROLE IN THE "SLAUGHTER AT LAS HOIAS." ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ((BLANDON)) SENT WORD THAT, BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM FAR RIGHTISTS IN THE HILITARY, THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES, ESPECIALLY FROM MEDINA'S CLOSE FRIEND ARENA HEAD ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), HEDINA'S RELEASE WAS A "SINE QUA NON" FOR THE DEAL. SO THE FILM ACQUIESCED, RATIONALIZING THAT THEY WERE RETURNING MEDINA (LITERALLY) WITHOUT TESTICIES.

B. 15 FMLN WOUNDED WILL BE GIVEN SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH



DRE SAN SALVADOR AIRPORT TO MEXICO FOR LACH AIRDITEMAL SALVA DORAN ARMY OFFICER RELEASED BY THE ININ. THUS, AN HOUNDED WITH BE SENT ABROAD FOR TREATMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR ANOTHER TOTAL ARMY OFFICERS, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF THE ARMY OFFICERS TO BE RELEASED TO EIGHT.

- WILL BE RELEASED IN GROUPS OF 15. EVERY FIVE DAYS. DR. FIRST GROUP WERE FLOWN TO MERICO ON 26 ADGRESS. SCHROE ASSUMES THAT THE SECOND AND THIRD GROUPS HAVE, BY NOW, ARRIVED IN MEXICO. THE REMAINING 30 WILL BE RELEASED IN INC GROUPS DURING INC. SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. 40 OF THE TOTAL WILL BE FLOWN FROM MEXICO TO SWEDEN, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, YUGOSLAVIA AND FRANCE FOR TREATMENT IN HOSPITALS THERE. JEN WILL BE FLOWN ID SAN JUST FOR TREATMENT IN COSTA RICA.
 - D. AFTER THE FIRST TWO GROUPS OF WOUNDED BLACK MEXICO, THE 4 FOR 4 PRISONER SHAP WILL BE EFFECTED. THE FOUR PHLN OFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO TRANSIT SAN JOSE ON 8 SEPTEMBER ON ROUTE TO STOCKHOLM. CIT ALLOW THE POPULAR SOCIAL CHRISTIAN HOVEMENT (MPSC) A CHANCE TO MAKE SOME POLITICAL HAY. A MELTING OF THE ENTIRE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MPSF WILL BE HELD IN SAN JOSE 7 TO SEPT. AND SEVERAL MILL GREET THE FORE BE.

 LEASED PHLN OFFICIALS. I UNDER THE BULES OF THE GANEVA CON VENTION BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT NONE OF THE RELEASED WILL.

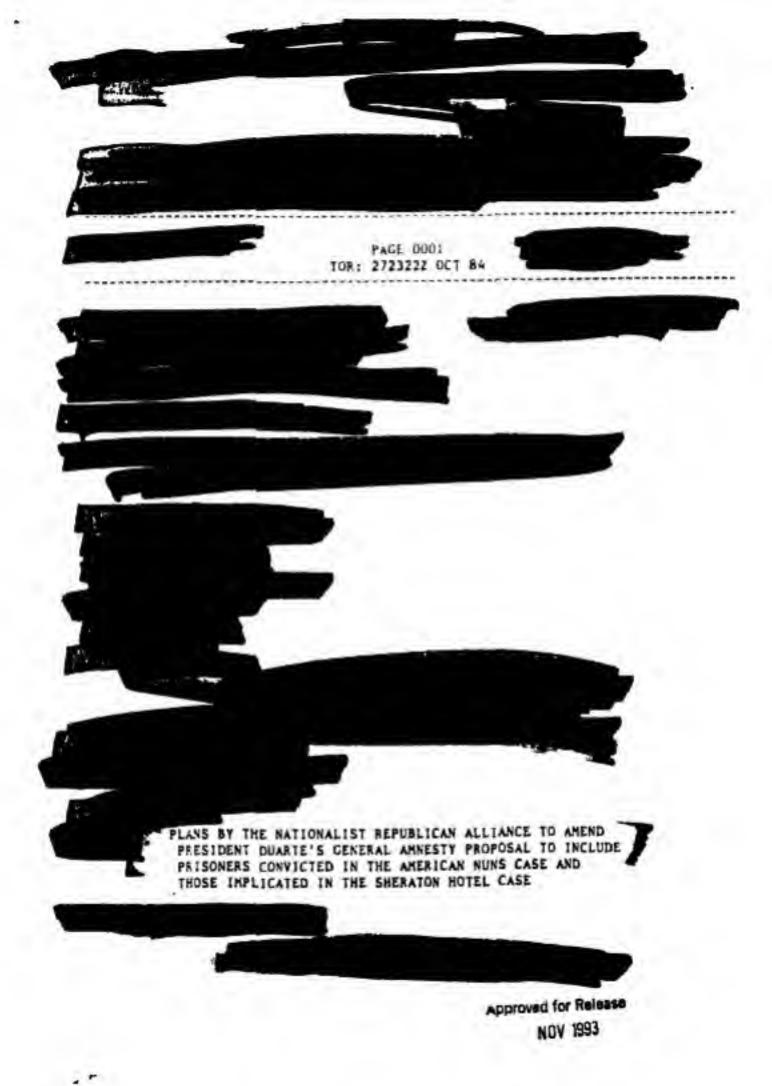
 RETURN TO COMBAT ZONES.
 - SALVADORAN ARMY OFFICERS AND FHLM OFFICIALS WILL "ANSWER (PLANTED) QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS" ABOUT THE SWAP. NEITHER SIDE WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCES CLAIMING CREDIT. THIS IS A CONDITION IMPOSED BY BLANDON WHO SEEKS TO MINIMIZE THE BLOW-BACK FROM THE SALVADORAN FAR RIGHT, WHICH, BLANDON COUNTRY OF THE FALM, PRESIDENT NAPOLEON (CONTARTE)) FEARS AND, FOR THAT REASON, DUARTE WAS MOST RELUCIANT TO APPROVE THE EXCHANGE. AS PART OF THE PRIORITY FMLM CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT DUARTE AND ANIMATE "NATIONALIST" (READ "NON PROUS GOVERNMENT") MILITARY OFFICERS, FMLM RESPONSES TO THE PRESS WILL STRESS DUARTE'S ORDUBACT AND DIE MILITARY'S ENLIGHTENMENT IN THIS MATTER.
 - 2. THE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE HANDLED BY JHE CATHOLIC CHURCH UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF ARCHBISHOP ARTHRO ((RIVERA Y DAMAS)). AS REPORTED IN MAY FROM SAME SOURCE, A MAIN TENET IN FMLN/FDR DIPLOMACY IS TO USE THE CHURCH AS AN INTERMEDIARY TOWARD ACHIEVING DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH THE GOES. THE ARCHBISHOP ACCEPTED ON THE CONDITION THAT THE FMLN

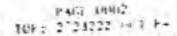


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- NEGOTIATORS SAID THAT THEY WHILD NOT INFORM THE US GOVERNMENT OF SUBJECT EXCHANGE BUT FMIN OFFICIALS ASSUME THAT SAN CALVADOR IS TOO SMALL AND THE USG PRESENCE TOO PERVASIVE FOR THE USG. THUS, THE FREN DICTION OF THE USG. THUS, THE FREN DICTION OF THE USG. CONDONES SUCH EXCHANGES/CONTACTS.
- OF IMPORTANCE MAINTAIN AND INCREASE SECRET, DIRECT CONTACT.
 WITH THE SALVADORAN MILITARY; IMPROVE THE FILM IMAGE: BLOCK PRISONERS. FOR THAT REASON THE FILM IS HOLDING BACK LARTHOUT HONDURAN ARMY OFFICERS.





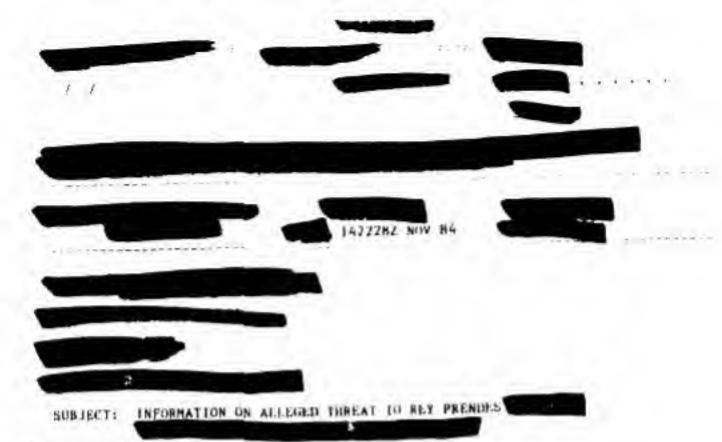


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MEMBER THAT IF PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) FOLLOWS THRIBUGH
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AND THE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN IMPLICATED IN THE MURDERS OF A
SALVADORAN LABOR LEADER AND TWO AMERICAN LABOR ADVISORS AT THE
SHERATON HOTEL.

WITH THE SAME
POLITICAL IN NATURE AND HOTIVE, AND DESERVED THE SAME
CONSIDERATION FOR AMNESTY AS DO CRIMES OF SUBVERSION.
TERRORISH, KIDNAPPING AND NURDER PERPETRATED BY LEFTIST
INSURGENTS.

HERE IN AGREEMENT THAT A GENERAL AMNESTY SHOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY LEFTIST INSURGENTS, WHO THEY SAY HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DESTRUCTION AND HISERY IN THE COUNTRY, BUT ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS, INCLUDING SALVADORAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS, INCLUDING SALVADORAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. PROPOSAL. THE ARENA FACTION WOULD NOTE AS A BLOC TO DISAPPROVE THE AMNESTY AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE OTHER CONSERVATIVE DEPUTIES TO DO THE SAME.







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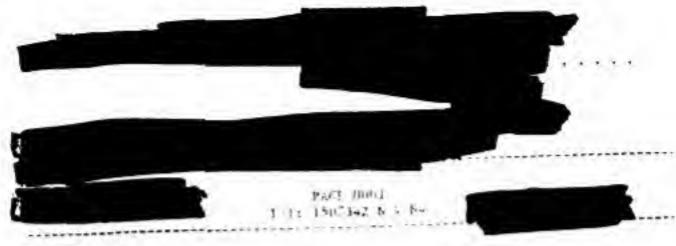
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SUBJECT: TRACE RESPONSE - COLONEL JOSE ADOLFO ((MEDRANO))

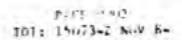
AND REPORTS ON COLONEL JOSE ADOLFO

A. HEDRANO CARRIED OUT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MISCONDUCT OR DERELICTION OF DUTIES OF HAJOR (NOW LT. COLONEL) MARIO DENIS ((HORAN)) ECHEVERRIA IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE HOTEL SHERATON ON 3 JANUARY 1981, HEDRANO, A VERY THOROUGH AND CAREFUL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, WAS THE NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER WHO LED THE INVESTIGATORY WORKING GROUPS WHICH BROKE THE CHURCHWOMEN AND SHERATON HURDER CASES. HE SHOWED TREMENDOUS COURAGE IN BOTH INVESTIGATIONS, RISKING HIS CAREER, HIS SECURITY, AND EVEN THE LIVES OF THIS FAMILY IN CONDUCTING A SERIOUS INVESTIGATION OF THESE MURDERS. HE CONTINUED TO ASSIST IN THE TWO CASES, EVEN AFTER HE COMPLETED HIS INVESTIGATION AND TURNED THE CASES OVER

MAY HAVE BEEN NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE WHILE CONDUCTING THESE TWO INVESTIGATIONS. (DOI: 06 AUG 84 AND 26 FEB 83)

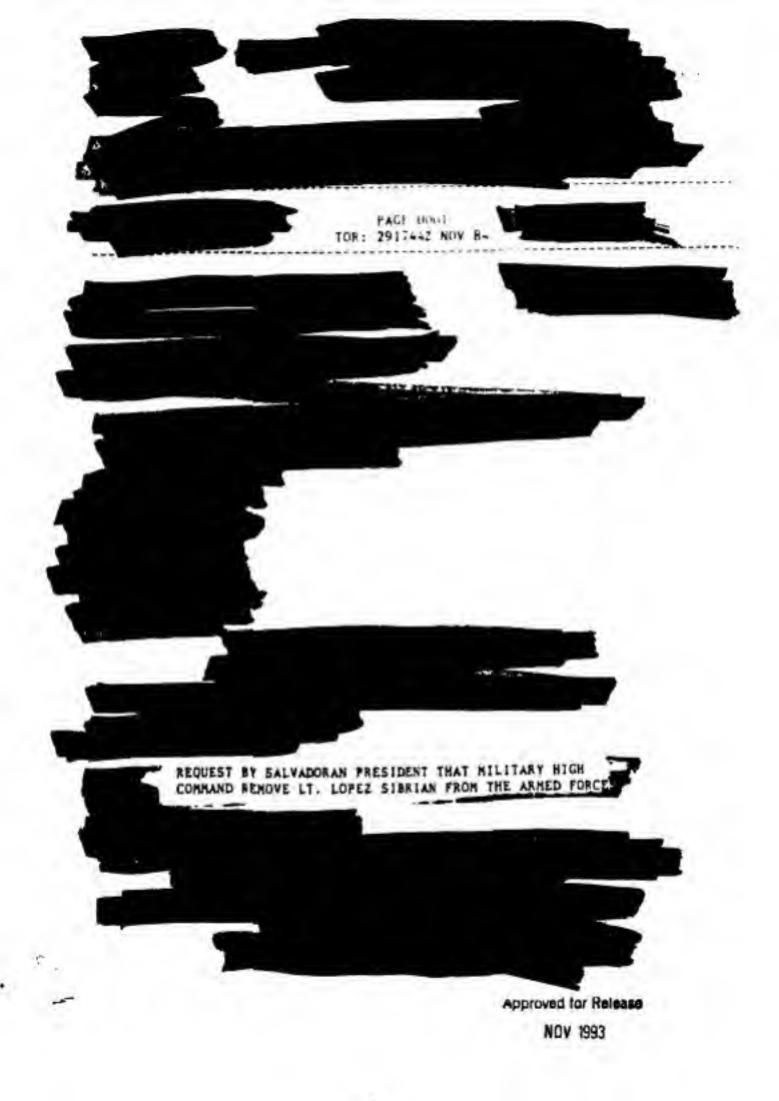
DURING A CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF ON 22 OCT 1982, MEDRANO REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FIVE ANONYHOUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE PAST THREE DAYS: ALL CALLS MADE TO HIS OFFICE AT NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS. CALLS WERE THE SAME: "IF LOPES SIBRIAN GOES TO JAIL, THEN YOU AND SOME





AMTERICANS WILL DIE. MEDRANG REPORTED THESE CALLS TO THE DIRECT FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD. THEFE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ANNUABLE ON MEDRAND, (DVI): 25 OCT 82





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- GROUP THAT HE HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM THE U.S.

 GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING TO OFFSET THE SUPERINE COURT'S

 DECISION TO FREE LOPEZ SIBRIAN.

 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LEGALLY, HE COULD BE NOTATION, BUT ELLIEVED THAT

 HE COULD ELIMINATE SOME OF THE STRONG CRITICISM AND POTENTIAL LOSS

 OF MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR FROM THE U.S. IF SOME ACTION, SUCH

 AS REMOVAL OF LOPEZ SIBRIAN FROM THE ARMED FORCES, WERE TAKEN.
- APPRECIATED THE DIFFICULT POSITION IN WHICH THE LOPEZ SIBRIAN CASE HAS PUT THE PRESIDENT, BUT THEY TOLD DUARTE THAT THEY COULD NOT REMOVE LOPEZ SIBRIAN FROM THE ARMED FORCES AFTER HE HAD BEEN FOUND INNOCENT BY THE SUPREME COURT. THEY TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT

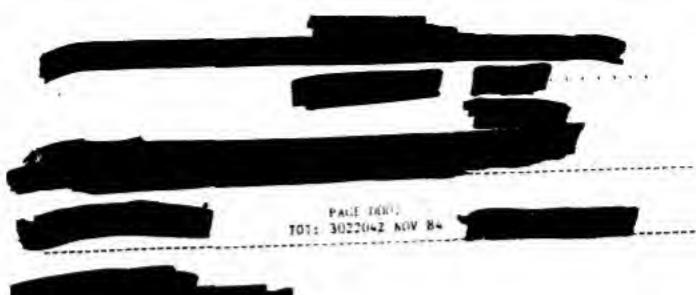
SUCH AN ACTION WOULD CREATE A VERY NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE OFFICER CORPS. ESPECIALLY AT THE CAPTAIN AND HAJOR LEVELS.

TO HOVE LOPEZ SIBRIAN OUT OF THE COUNTRY, TO A HILITARY POSTING AS AN ATTACHE, OR TO A FOREIGN HILITARY SCHOOL FOR AN EXTENDED COURSE.

((BUSTILLO)) LEARNED OF THIS DECISION

AND BECAME EXTREMELY ANGRY. BUSTILLO SAID THAT NOVING LOPEZ SIBRIAN OUT OF THE COUNTRY WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND HOULD HAVE A VERY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE MORALE OF THE OFFICER CORPS. BUSTILLO SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE IN AN EFFORT TO REVERSE THE DECISION.)







1. WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING INFORMATION CONCERNING LT. RODOLFO ((LOPEZ)) SIBRIAN'S STATUS WITH THE SALVADORAN

NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) THAT THEY COULD NOT REMOVE LOPEZ SIBRIAN
FROM THE ARMED FORCES AFTER HE HAD BEEN FOUND INNOCENT BY THE
SUPREME COURT. THE COMMANDERS' HOWEVER, SAID THAT THEY WOULD
SEER TO REMOVE LOPEZ SIBRIAN FROM THE COUNTRY. POSSIBLY
ASSIGNING HIM AS A MILITARY ATTACHE SOMEWHERE. PER "WASHINGTON
POST" ARTICLE (DATED 29 NOVEMBER, SAN SALVADOR), HOWEVER,
SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID THAT IN A MEETING WITH
HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS YESTERDAY (28 NOV.), DUARTE WON THE
OFFICERS' APPROVAL TO DISMISS LOPEZ SIBRIAN. NEEDLESS TO SAY,
THERE IS SOME CONFUSION
OUT OF THE MILITARY?

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONNECTION BETWEEN FORMER FON OFFICIAL AND ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON/LY

- L. TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST FEATURE
 ARTICLES ON A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE AND INTERVIEWS GIVEN BY
 FORMER ANSESAL CHIEF ROBERTO SANTIVANEZ. ACCORDING TO
 SANTIVANEZ, FORMER FDN OFFICIAL RICARDO LAW RECEIVED *120,000

 F R ARRANGING THE DEATH SQUAD EXECUTION OF ARCHBISHOP ***
 ARNULFO ROMERO IN 1780 AND WAS WORKING DIRECTLY FOR ROBERTO
 D'AUBUISSON AT THAT TIME. SANTIVANEZ ADDED THAT COLONEL LAU
 WAS SENT TO WORK IN GUATEMALA, TRAINING DEATH SQUAD KILLERS AND
 ADVISED D'AUBUISSON DIRECTLY ON HOW TO CARRY OUT DEATH SQUAD
 ACTIVITIES.Y
- 2. RESPONDING TO INTENSE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN
 ALLEGED HONDURAN/FON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HAS
 ALREADY EXAMINED THE POSSIBILITY OF A LINK BETWEEN RICARDO LAU
 AND D'AUBUISSON AND HAS FOUND NO CONNECTION. IN ORDER TO BE

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THE A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN LAU AND D'AUBUISSON. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS MAY PROVIDE ON THE HORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GON/FON AND SALVADORAN/GUATEMALAN RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS.Y







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POSSECTI REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE CHING LAU

ACTIVITES IN HONDURAS. DURING THE NICARAGUAN INSURRECTION
LAU WAS THE COMMANDER ON A NICARAGUAN MATIONAL GUARD DETACHMENT
LOCATED IN THE STEEPLE OF A CHURCH. THE UNIT WAS FIRED ON
SY INSURGENTS AND RETURNED FIRE KILLING SOME OF THE SANDINISTA
INSURGENTS. LAU WAS VERY EFFECTIVE IN HONDURAS AS THE CHIEF
OF THE FON CI SECTION. BECAUSE OF THE FELM ALLEGATIONS AGAINST
LAU BASED ON THE ABOVE INCIDENT AND BECAUSE OF THE ATTEMPT
TO BRING ABOUT UNITY WITH
WAS REMOVED FROM HIS FON POSITION. HON HIS ORDANIZATION, LAU
PLACED LAU IN THE HONDURAN ARMY CI EDUTED BECAUSE OF HIS
DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO WORK EFFECTIVELY AGAINST THE SANDINISTA
INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT LAU DEPARTED
HONDURAS A NUMBER OF MONTHS AGO. BELIEVE HE NOW RESIDES IN GUATEMALA.

MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATION COMMISSION.

LTC ERIC SANCHES, G

THAT THE COMMISSION WAS ADVISED BY

LAU HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE ROBBURAN

LEFTLETS IN 1981. SANCHEZ ALSO ALLEDGED THAT LAU WAS A HITMAN

SUPPORT HIS ALLEBATIONS. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY HONDURAN
AUTHORITIES SHOWED THAT LAU WAS NOT IN HONDURAS AT THE TIME OF

THE DISAPPEARANCES AND THEY COULD NOT VERIFY THAT LAU HAS

CARRIED OUT ANYTHING BUT LEGITIMATE CI WORK

HAS BEEN UMABLE TO OBTAIN ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF RISCONDUCT

BY LAU. THESE ARE ONLY VAGUE RUMORS.

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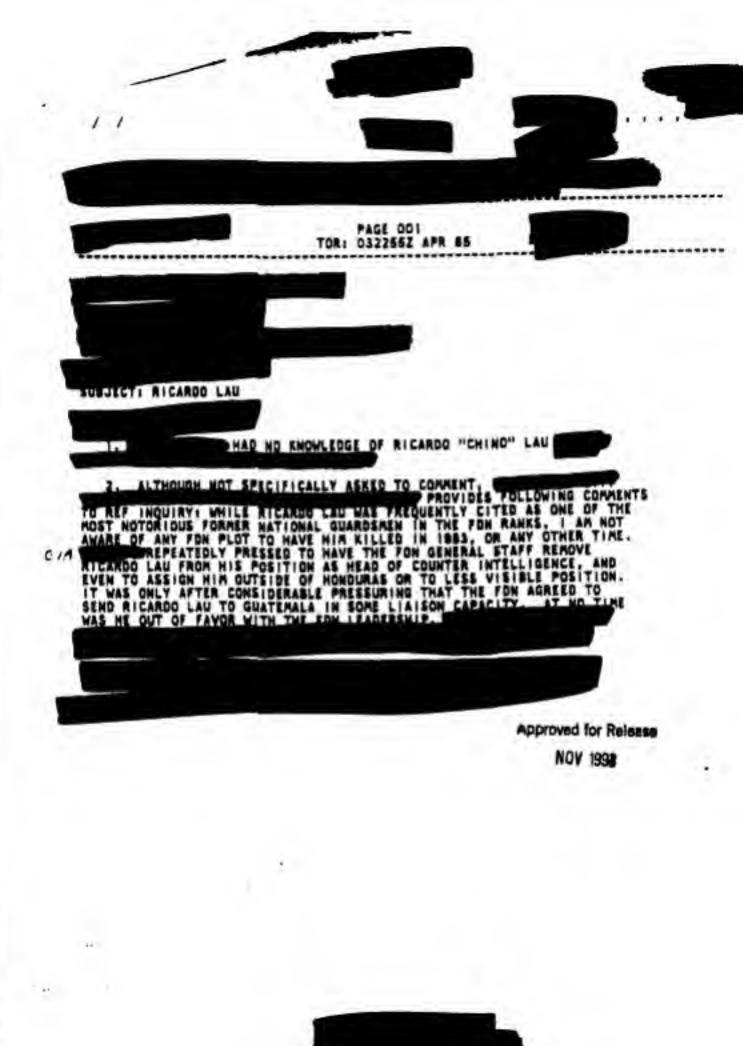
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POSSIBILITY OF LIME SETWEEN RICARDS ((LAU)) AND OLOMOSORM. ME KNEW OF MO SUCH COMMECTION AND IN FACT HAD NEVER MEARD OF LAU. NOR DID HE HAVE ANY INFORMATION OF THE MORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF LINES SETWEN ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GOM/FON AND SALVADORAN/GUATERALAN RIGHT-WING EXTREMEISTS. WE HAVE TASKED HIM TO SE ALERT IN THE FUTURE FOR INFORMATION ON THESE SUBJECTS AND WILL ADVISE YOU IMMEDIATELY IF HE COMES UP WITH ANY INFO.

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SUBJECT: VICTOR MANUEL ((SANTOS)) MARINEZ

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IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH VICTOR MANUEL ((SANTOS)) MARTINEZ.

FORMER BACIENDA POLICE DETECTIVE WHO IS PROVIDING INFORMATION
ON THE SHERATON MURDER CASE

SANTOS PROVIDED L/O

WITH DETAILED INFO ON SHERATON MURDER PLOT

IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS VALIDITY OF THIS INFO AS WELL AS
SANTOS HIMSELF.

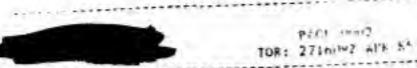
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2. SANTOS ENTERED HACIENDA POLICE IN 1972 AND WORKED IN SPECIAL SECTION ON POLITICAL MATTERS UNDER COMMAND OF MAJOR JOSE ALBERTO ((ALVAREZ)) GODINEZ. ALVAREZ WAS FRIENDLY WITH MEMBERS OF SEVERAL LEADING PAMILIES INCLUDING DAGLIO, QUINONEZ, MEZA AYAU, MOLINS, GONZALEZ AND MUYSCHONDT. HE FREQUENTLY ASSIGNED SANTOS TO PERFORM INVESTIGATIVE HORK FOR THE BUSINESSES BELONGING TO THESE FAMILIES. IN 1979 SANTOS WAS DISMISSED FROM THE HACIENDA POLICE FOR UNSPECIFIED INFRACTIONS HE COMMITTED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY. SANTOS THEN WORKED AS CHIEF OF SECURITY FOR A GROUP OF ENGINEERS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY. HE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO CARLOS ((PINEDA)), A WEALTHY CIVIL ENGINEER. WHILE SANTOS WORKED FOR PINEDA, PINEDA'S SON WAS KIDNAPPED AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, BOTH PINEDA AND SON DEPARTED EL SALVADOR AND SANTOS WAS FORCED TO LOOK



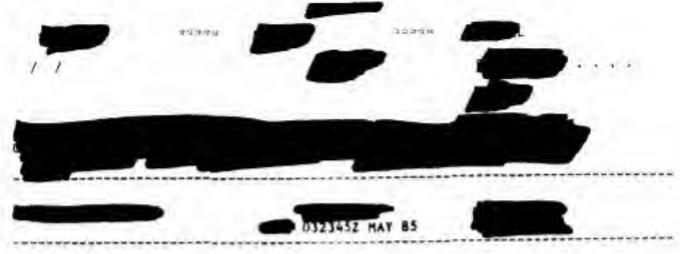




WELL AS SECURITY CHIEF FOR MARIN (FAUN) . OWNER AND MANAGER MEDICAL LAR AND PHARMACY. AFTER LIX MONTH: I EMPLOYMENT WITH BALL SANTOS DELL AND VOLUNTEERED FOR THAINING WITH THE CIVIE DEFENSE AS A LOCAL COMMANDER. IN 1980, HE WAS ASSIGNED AS COMMANDER OF A CIVIL DEFENSE UNIT IN CUSCATASCINGO, NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR, WHERE HE SERVED FOR OVER ONE YEAR. DURING HIS TENURE AS CIVIL DEFENSE COMMANDER, SANTOS WAS SUSPECTED OF MURDERING SEVERAL PERSONS LIVING IN CUSCATANCINGO, IN 1981, HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD AND JAILED FOR THREE MONTHS ON CHARGES OF MURDERING A STUDENT. SANTOS WAS LATER RELEASED FOR LACK OF WITNESSES OR EVIDENCE. SANTOS WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE TOWN OF ELPAISNAL IN SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT WHERE HE SERVED AS LOCAL COMMANDER FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR. DURING LATTER PART OF 1981 AND 1982, SANTOS WAS FREQUENTLY SEEN WITH SEVERAL ARMED HEN UNDER HIS COMMAND VISITING PROMINENT CITIZENS IN SAN SALVADOR ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIGHT WING, INCLUDING JOSE ALBERTO ((GONZALES)) GINER, JOSE LUIS ((MOLINS)) RUBIO, MARIO ((RAUN)) AND ARTURO ((MUYSCHONDT)). IN 1983, SANTOS WAS TRANSFERRED TO VERAPAZ IN SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE DESERTED AFTER ALLEGEDLY STEALING 10,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR DIFFERENT CALIBRE WEAPONS. ACCORDING TO GONZALEZ GINER, SANTOS SOLD THE AMMUNITION TO HIM AND GONZALEZ GINER TURNED ALL OF THE AMMUNITION OVER TO ARNED FORCES GENERAL STAFF AFTER THE INVESTIGATION BEGAN LEADING TO HIM. GONZALEZ GINER WAS NOT ARRESTED, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE HE WAS SON-IN-LAW OF JOSE FRANCISCO ((GUERRERO)), AT THAT TIME MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY FOR PRESIDENT ALVARO ((MAGANA)). IN MID-1984, SANTOS TURNED MIMSELF IN TO THE POLICE AND WAS JAILED FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE BEING RELEASED FREE OF CHARGES. HE WAS DENIED PERSHISSION TO RE-ENTER THE CIVIL DEFENSE.

3. BOTH SANTOS' FIRST AND SECOND WIVES ABANDONED HIM DUE TO SANTOS' ALCOHOLISM. AT THE END OF 1984, SANTOS WAS ARRESTED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN A DRUNKEN BRAWL AT A FUNERAL HOME. HE WAS JAILED FOR TWO MONTHS AND RELEASED. HE NOW REPORTEDLY ATTENDS "ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS." RECENTLY, SANTOS WAS HEARD BRAGGING THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY U.S. EMBASSY AND SERVED AS BODYGUARD FOR U.S. AMBASSADOR.

4. L/O IS REVIEWING THIS INFO ALONG WITH INFO PROVIDED
TO HIM BY SANTOS IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP
ACTION.

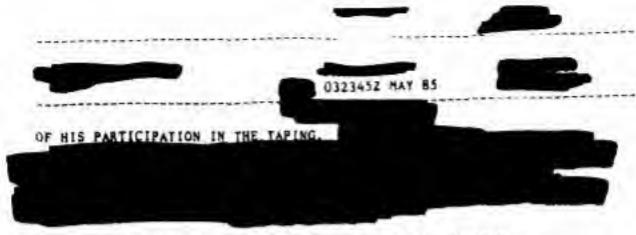




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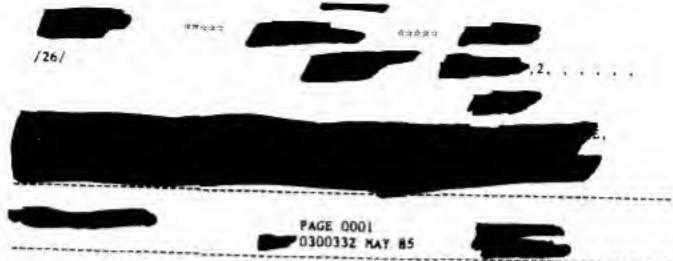
CLARIFIED REPORT ON 3 MAY: A SALVADORAN CITIZEN, ADELBERTO ((SALAZAR)) (DPOB: CA 1945, EL SALVADOR) WAS ARRESTED FOR STEALING A MOTORSCOOTER IN SAN SALVADOR CA 15 APRIL. THE MOTORSCOOTER BELONGED TO A MINOR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) OFFICIAL WHO RECOGNIZED THE THIEF AS THE MAN WHO HAD APPEARED IN AN ARENA PARTY CAMPAIGN TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENT IN MARCH 1984, CLAIMING TO BE THE ASSASSIN OF MONSIGNOR OSCAR ARNULFO ((ROMERO)). (FYI: ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) INTRODUCED THE TAPED TV INTERVIEW STATING THAT THIS WOULD CLEAR HIM OF ANY SUSPICION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSASSINATION.) WHEN TOLD HE WOULD BE CHARGED AS ROMERO'S ASSASSIN INSTEAD OF AS A MOTORSCOOTER THIEF, SALAZAR ADMITTED THE VIDEO TAPE HAD BEEN A HOAX, WHICH HE HAD BEEN HIRED TO PERPETRATE BY A HONDURAN MILITARY OFFICER ON BEHALF OF THE ARENA PARTY.

2. SALAZAR IS NOW UNDER PROTECTION OF THE SALVADORAN NATIONAL POLICE (HE CLAIMS HE WILL BE KILLED IF HE IS ALLOWED TO GO FREE) WHO ARE INVESTIGATING HIS STORY, AT THE BEHEST OF THE PDC. HE HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO INVOLVE THE C-2 OF BOTH THE HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES IN THE LATE 1983-EARLY 1984 PERIOD IN HIS PARTICIPATION THE INTERVIEW, IMPLYING THAT THEY ARRANGED THE INTERVIEW FOR ARENA. THE DETAILS SALAZAR PROVIDED IN THE TAPED INTERVIEW ARE SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED THAT INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE HE WAS BRIEFED BY EITHER A PARTICIPANT IN THE ACTION OR AN INVESTIGATOR AFTER THE FACT. HE ALSO HAS RAISED THE SPECTRE OF AND INVOLVEMENT, IMPLYING LATTERS' KNOWLEDGE



4. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PDC OFFICIALS ON SALAZAR
CONVINCED THEN HE DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE KILLING (HE IS BELIEVED
TO HAVE BEEN IN A HONDURAN JAIL AT THE TIME), BUT HIS KNOWLEDGE
OF THE CASE HAS LED THEM TO BELIEVE HE CAN IMPLICATE CURRENT
ARENA HEMBERS, POSSIBLY D'AUBUISSON HIMSELF. SALAZAR DESCRIBED
A "HIGH-BANKING ARENA MEMBER" WITH WHOM HE DEALT BEFORE MAKING
THE VIDEO TAPE, AND THE DESCRIPTION FITS EITHER HUGO ((BARRERAI))
OR ARMANDO ((CALDERON)) SOL. THE PDC DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER
WAS INVOLVED IN THE ROMERO KILLING OR THE FALSE CONFESSION.



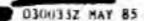




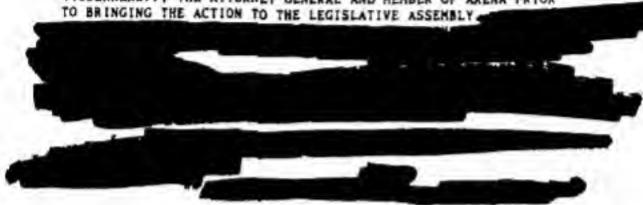
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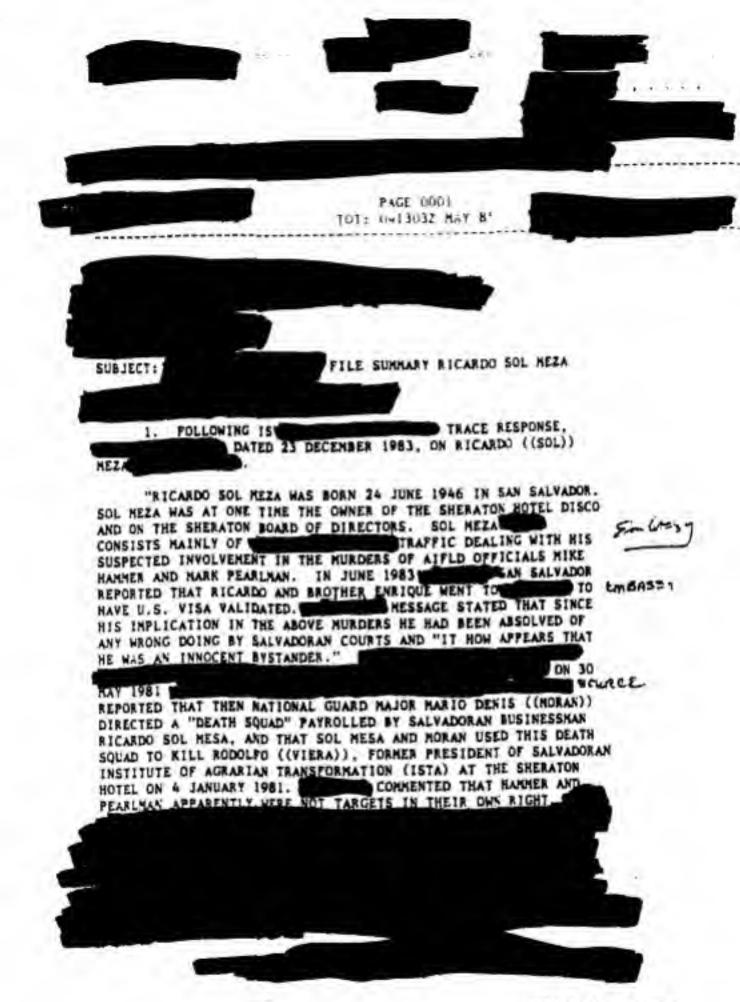
- REPORTED ON 30 APRIL THAT A SALVADORAN CITIZEN WHO WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED ON SOME MINOR CHARGE WAS REVEALED TO BE THE SAME PERSON ARRESTED CA APRIL 1982 ON A CHARGE OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH HIS ARREST RECORD AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR THAT CRIME. HE CONFESSED THE 1982 MATTER HAD BEEN A HOAX PERPETUATED BY THE ARENA PARTY.
- 2. ACCOARDING TO THE ARRESTEE, HE WAS IN JAIL IN
 HONDURAS IN EARLY 1982 WHEN APPROACHED BY A HONDURAN MILITARY
 OFFICER AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE FREED IF HE AGREED TO DO A
 "JOB" IN EL SALVADOR. HE ARRIVED IN EL SALVADOR AND WAS
 BRIEFED BY UNIDENTIFIED ARENA PARTY HEMBERS TO CONFESS TO
 PARTICIPATING IN THE 1980 ASSASSINATION. HE WAS SENT TO JAIL
 AND WAS QUIETLY RELEASED AFTER THE 1982 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
 ELECTIONS WITH ASSISTANCE TO ESCAPE TO MEXICO. IN THE
 INTERVENING YEARS HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN GUATEMALA AND RETURNED
 TO EL SALVADOR FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. HE ADVISED THE SALVADORAN
 POLICE THAT HIS CONFESSION WAS PART OF A PLAN TO "PUBLICLY
 SOLVE" THE CASE OF ROMERO'S ASSASSINATION SO THAT SUSPICIONS
 OF INVOLVEMENT OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WOULD NOT TAINT
 LATTER'S CAMPAIGN POR DEPUTY IN 1982.
- J. EVENING I MAY, REPORTED PRESIDENT DUARTE INTENDS TO INTRODUCE A MEASURE IN THE NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO TRY D'AUBUISSON FOR THE DEATH OF ROMERO. AS A DEPUTY, HE CANNOT BE ARRESTED AND TRIED LIKE A REGULAR CITIZEN BUT WITH





A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. HE CAN BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL CONCILIATION PARTY (PCN) IS ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CASE AGAINST D'AUBUISSON. DUARTE ALSO PLANS TO REMOVE JOSE FRANCISCO ((GUERRERO)), THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HEMBER OF ARENA PRIOR





MORAN GROUP, AND THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF VIEWS LENGTHS
PRESENCE IN THE SHERATON HOTE. FOR DINNER (% - JANUARY 1981 TO
ASSASSINATE HIM. THE ASSASSINATION WAS NOT PREPLANNED: THE
DECISION TO MURDER VIERA WAS MADE ON THE SPET OF THE MOMENT.

THE MAJORITY OF BANK BOMBINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT MONTHS IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF SAN SALVADOR. AS WELL AS FOR THE MONTHS IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF SAN SALVADOR. AS WELL AS FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS OF MANY INDIVIDUALS THOUGHT TO SUPPORT LEFTIST CAUSES. THE PAYROLL OF THE DEATH SQUAD IS ESTIMATED AT 20,000 COLONES MONTHLY (U.S. SB,000) WITH HEMBERS NORMALLY PAID 100 COLONES DAILY (U.S. \$40.00) DURING THE PERIODS THAY ARE ASSIGNED TO WORK FOR THE SQUAD. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY STATED IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MAJORITY IF NOT ALL MEMBERS OF THE SQL MESA AND MORAN DEATH SQUAD ARE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.)

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OWN BUT IT 15 THOUGHT TO HAVE CONNECTIONS THROUGH FORMER ARMY

CAPTAIN EDUARDO ALFONSO AVILA WITH ANOTHER RIGHTIST GROUP WHICH

IS INVOLVED IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES."

2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NOT REPORTED IN ABOVE

A. ON 22 OCTOBER 1981, THE SALVADORAN SUPREME COURT ISSUED AN ORDER THAT SOL MEZA BE RELEASED FROM PRISON. THE ORDER READ IN PART THAT THERE EXISTED NO LEGAL BASIS FOR SOL MEZA'S DETENTION. AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON, SOL MEZA DEPARTED EL SALVADOR. HE WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN IN GUATEMALA, SPAIN, COSTA RICA AND MEXICO.

B. IN JUNE 1983.

SOL MEZA WOULD BE REQUESTING A VISA.

FURTHER STATED

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INTENTION TO ISSUE SOL MEZA VISA, SINCE CHARGES NO LONGER

EXISTED AGAINST HIM IN EL SALVADOR. IN JANUARY 1985, SOL MEZA

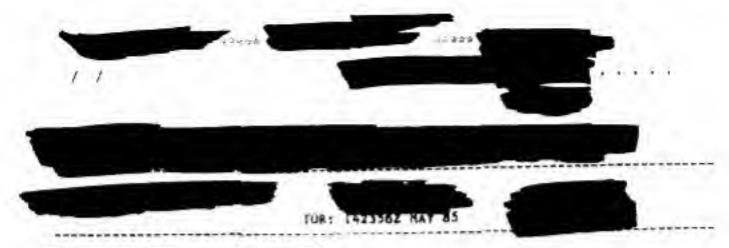
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AREA. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO ISSUANCE OF VISA. SUGGESTED

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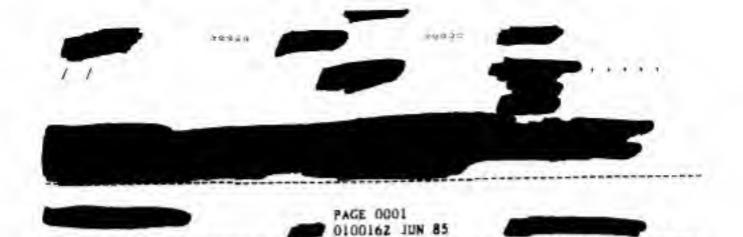
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LEGAL OFFICER (L/O), CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING
THE 1980 MURDER OF SALVADORAN ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ((ROMERO)),
HAS REQUESTED TO ARACES ON ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICER,
EMILIO ANTONIO ((MENDOZA)). ACCORDING TO INFO OBTAINED BY L/O,
MENDOZA WAS SENT TO EL SALVADOR IN 1980 WITH SEVERAL OTHER
ARGENTINES BY GENERAL ROBERTO ((VIOLA)). MENDOZA WAS REPORTED
TO HAVE BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH SALVADORAN OFFICERS ASSIGNED
TO THE G-II SECTION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED
ACTUALLY SHOOTING ROMERO.



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- 1. THERE IS NO INFORMATION AT HOS WHICH INDICATES THAT
 HAS INVOLVED IN ALBERTO ((SALAZAR)) FILM
 INTERVIEW OF MARCH 1984. IN FACT, THERE IS NO INFO AVAILABLE
 THAT ANY SUCH INTERVIEW WAS HADE OR BROADCAST.
- 2. THERE IS ONLY ONE DOCUMENT AT HQS WHICH MENTIONS A FILM OF ANY KIND BEING MADE THAT INVOLVES SALAZAR. APPARENTLY, A FILM UAS MADE AFTER SALAZAR'S RELEASE FROM PRISON IN DECEMBER 1983. SALAZAR WORKED WITH SALVADORAN HILATT COL. PENA FILMING A VIDEOTAPE ON THE INFO HE KNEW ABOUT FPL PAYOFFS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING LT. BILLY JOYA AND AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED VICTOR MAUNEL ((REYES)).
- 3. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, A SALVADORAN CITIZEN,
 ROBERTO ADALBERTO ((SALAZAR)), AKA RUIZ, AKA PEDRO, PROBABLY
 IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT OF REFS, WAS ARRESTED IN LATE NOVEMBER
 1981 ON CHARGES OF SWINDLE AND BUNCO SCHEMES. PRIOR TO HIS
 ARREST, SALAZAR ATTEMPTED TO CONVINCE OFFICIALS IN
 HONDURAS THAT HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE JOHN SULLIVAN
 CASE AND THREE OTHER MISSING SYDUAL CITIZENS. SALAZAR COULD
 NOT GIVE PROOF OF HIS BONAFIDES AND CLAIMS, AND AFTER HIS
 ARREST OFFICERS CONCLUDED HE WAS A FABRICATOR.
 SALAZAR WAS INCARCERATED FOR ONE AND HALF YEARS.

PRISON IN DECEMBER 1983 INTO THE CUSTODY OF COL. PENA WHEN

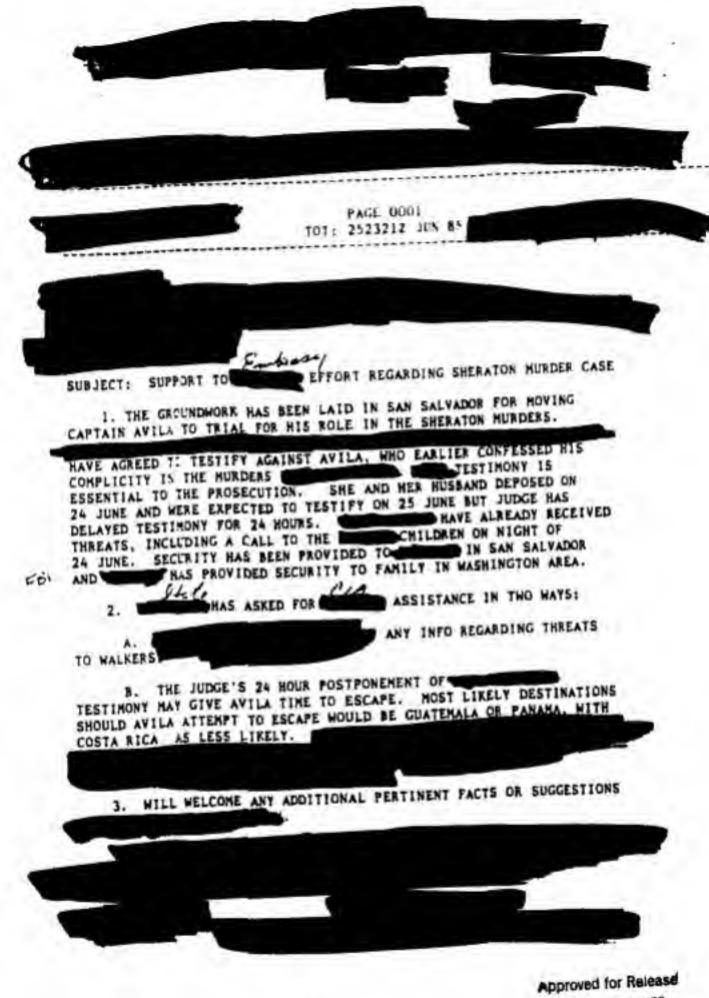
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SALAZAR REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO AND WAS WILLING TO TELL ALL ON THE SUBJECT. PENA RETURNED SALAZAR TO EL SALVADOR, WHERE HE WAS DEBRIEFED BY WHO, AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF DEBRIEFING. EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT HIS TRUTHFULNESS.





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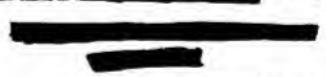
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EL SALVAUOR: PROBE OF TERRORIST KILLINGS

//PRESIDENT DUARTE HAS URGED HIS DEFENSE MINISTER TO ORDER LICE AND MILITARY UNITS TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY IN INVESTIGATING E TERRORIST MASSACRE OF US AND SALVADORAN CITIZENS ON 19 JUNE. INVESTIGATING LANGUAGE. THE SALVADORAN NATIONAL QUARD EARLIER THIS WEEK CAPTURED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THE KILLINGS.

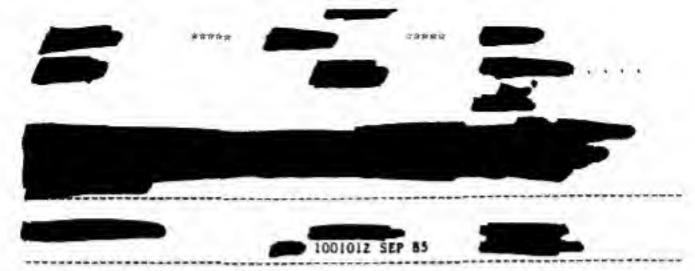
COMMENT: //DUARTE'S DROER COMES IN RESPONSE TO AN APPARENT LACK COLLABORATION AMONG UNITS CHARGED WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND ILCATES THE GOVERNMENT'S COMCERN THAT THE OFTEN-COMPETITIVE POLICE MILITARY AGENCIES MAY BE MAMPERING THE PROBE. GREATER PERATION AMONG THE VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED. LOGETHER WITH ORMATION FROM THER ARRESTS.

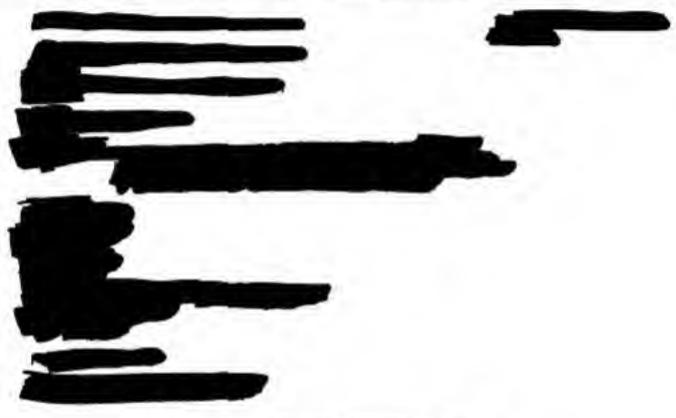
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INSTRUCTIONS PROM PRESIDENT DUARTE TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE NEW INFORMATION

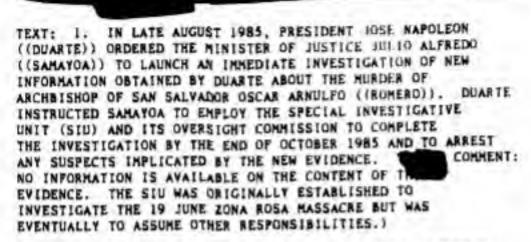
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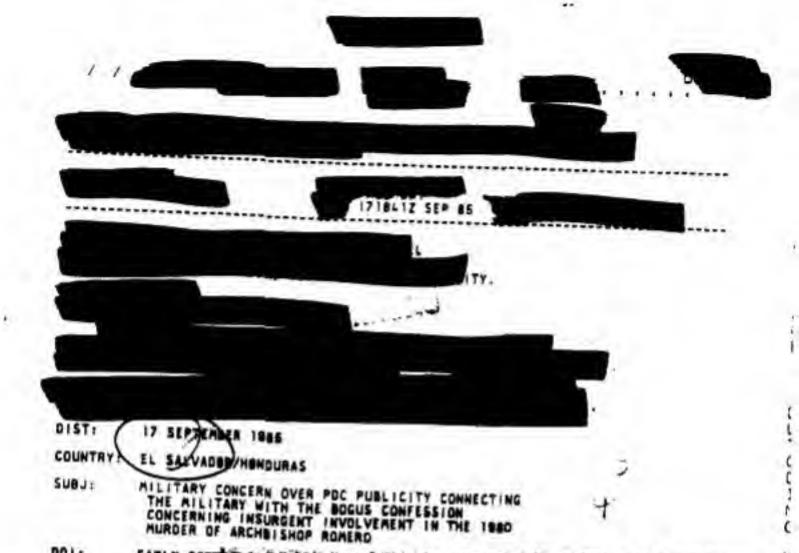
2. BASED ON THE NEW INFORMATION OBTAINED BY DUARTE, SEVERAL INFLUENTIAL SALVADORAN CITIZENS ARE IMPLICATED IN THE ROMERO MURDER CASE. THE NEW EVIDENCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO INCRIMINATE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PRESIDENT ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) ARRIETA, BUT SEVERAL OF HIS ASSOCIATES ARE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS.

SAMAYOA, WHO HEADS THE SIU OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WHICH CONSISTS OF PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT ALVARO ERNESTO ((SALAZAR)) BRENES AND VICE-MINISTER OF INTERIOR CARMEN AMALIA BARAHONA PANTOJA DE ((NORALES)), EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY AND THAT OF THE OTHER COMMISSION NEMBERS. SAMAYOA INDICATED THAT "POWERFUL PEOPLE" IN THE SALVADORAN SOCIETY HOULD BE INVESTIGATED

AND THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO THREATS AGAINST THE LIVES OF COMMISSION MEMBERS.

3. DUARTE'S ENTHUSIASM FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST GROUP WHICH CONDUCTED THE ZONA ROSA MASSACRE LED TO HIS DECISION TO PROCEED WITH A SIMILAR INVESTIGATION OF ROMERO'S MURDER. DUARTE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH HE PROVIDED TO SAMAYOA WILL LEAD TO THE ARREST OF ONE OR MORE SUSPECTS IN THE ROMERO MURDER CASE. HIS GOAL IS TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF PUBLIC SUPPORT GENERATED BY THE ZONA ROSA INVESTIGATION BY MAKING A SIMILAR PUBLIC DECLARATION OF THE SIU'S FINDINGS IN THE ROMERO CASE.





SUMMARY: IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1986, ECAFA C-V CHIEF COLONEL PENA WAS THREATENING TO ASK TO BE RELIEVED OF DUTY OVER PUBLICITY CONNECTING HIM WITH A BOGUS CONFESSION CONCERNING THE 1880 MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO WHICH ARENA LEADER D'AUBUISSON USED IN THE 1884 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.
PENA INDICATED THAT, IF MECESSARY, HE WOULD IMPLICATE
THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN THE MATTER. PENA ALSO DESCRIBED
HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH ROBERTO SALAZAR, WHO HAD FABRICATED
THE CONFESSION TO ROMERO'S MURDER. PRESIDENT DUARTE THE CONFESSION TO ROMERO'S MURDER. PRESIDENT DUAR AND HIS SECRETARY OF IMFORMATION LE CHEVALIER HAVE INDICATED THAT THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE MATTER IS INTENDED TO BUILD A CASE AGAINST D'AUBUISSON. LE CHEVALIER HAS IMFORMED PENA AND THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND THAT THEY ARE GUILTY OF MOTHING MORE THAN BEING DUPED. DUARTE, HOWEVER, IS DISPLEASED THAT SENIOR MILITARY WERE AWARE THAT THE COMFESSION WAS FALSE BUT DID NOTHING ABOUT IT. AS OF & SEPTEMBER, MOST SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS CONTINUED TO BE CONCERNED THAT THE CASE WILL GET OUT OF HAMD. CONCERNED THAT THE CASE WILL GET OUT OF HAMD.

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2. AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER 1885, COLONEL RICARDO ((PENA)) ARBAIZA, THE CHIEF OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR SECTION (C-V) OF THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES JOINT GENERAL STAFF (EMCFA), WAS THREATENING TO ASK TO

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BE RELIEVED OF DUTY OVER PUBLICITY CONNECTING HIM WITH A BOGUS CONFESSION REGARDING THE 1980 MURDER OF ARCHBISMOP OF SAN SALVADOR OSCAR ARNULFO ((ROMERO)) USED BY NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) LEADER ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) ARRIETA IN THE 1984 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. PENA HAD DRAFTED A LETTER TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA DENOUNCING THE ACCUSATIONS BEING MADE AGAINST HIM IN THIS RESPECT BY SECRETARY OF INFORMATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD GERARDO ((LE CHEVALIER)) AND THREATENING TO GO TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE MATTER. PENA SAID THAT IF HE DID GO TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE WOULD STATE THAT HIS ACTIONS IN THIS CASE WERE CARRIED OUT ON ORDERS FROM CHIEF, EMCFA, GENERAL ADOLFO ONECIFERO ((BLAMDOM)).

ROBERTO ADACBERTO ((SALAZAR)) COLLIER CLAIMING TO BE
"COMANDANTE LOBO" OF THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES
(FPL) AND TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSASSIMATION OF
ARCHBISMOP ROMERO. D'AUBUISSON USED THE TAPE IN 1984 AS
PROOF THAT THE LEFT. NOT THE RIGHT, WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE MURDER. SALAZAR HAS NOW STATED THAT HE WAS
PAID TO MAKE THE TAPE. THE SALVADORAN PRESS HAS BEEN
CARRYING FULL-PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS BY THE "CHRISTIAM
DEMOCRATIC WORKER MOVEMENT" (MODC) USING THE GOVERNING
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S (PDC) SYMBOL WHICH LABEL
SALAZAR'S CURRENT STATEMENTS AS TRUTH AND D'AUBUISSON'S
1984 ASSERTIONS AS LIES AND WHICH CALL FOR D'AUBUISSON
WITH GOOD ACCESS HAS EXPLAINED THAT THE NAME "CMEISTIAM
DEMOCRATIC WORKER ROSERTO EDMUNDO (VIERA)) WHEN
THEY PREFER NOT TO PUT AN OFFICIAL STAMP ON THEIR WORK.)
WHILE IN PRISON, BECAME FAMILIAR WITH MANY MARES
ASSOCIATED WITH SUBVERSION IN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS.
WITH THESE NAMES, HE CONSTRUCTED HIS TALES IN ORDER
TO DUPE THE FIRST MAIVE PERSON WILLING TO PLAY THE ROLE
OF INVESTIGATOR.)

IN SALAZAR'S CASE IN 1883 WHEN HE WAS SALVADORAM MILITARY ATTACHE IN HONDURAS. SALAZAR HAD BEEN POINTED OUT TO HIM AS AN FPL LOGISTICS OFFICER DURING A VISIT BY MILITARY ATTACHES TO HONDURAS' CENTRAL PRISON TO WHICH SALAZAR HAS BEEN SEMTENCED FOR A COMMON CRIME. ALTHOUGH SALAZAR WOULD NOT SPEAK WITH PENA AT THE TIME, HE REQUESTED THAT PENA VISIT HIM TWO WEEKS LATER. DURING THE VISIT, SALAZAR TOLD PENA THAT HE WAS AN FPL LOGISTICS OFFICER AND THAT IN THIS CAPACITY, HE HAD PAID THE HONDURAN MILITARY CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE (C-II) \$1.500,000 TO PERMIT THE DELIVERY OF ARMS TO SALVADORAN INSURGENTS, AND THAT THE FPL HAD CONSENTED TO THE HONDURAN C-II'S REQUEST THAT HE BE PERMITTED TO CAPTURE TWO TRUCKS CARRYING ARMS FOR THE INSURGENTS TO COVER HIS COOPERATION IN THE ARMS SHIPMENT. SALAZAR ASKED PENA FOR HELP IN LEAVING HONDURAS BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID THAT THE HONDURAN C-II WOULD HAVE HIM KILLED WHEN HE LEFT PRISON. PENA

PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION TO SALVADORAN MINISTER VIDES, WHO TOLD HIM TO FORGET SALAZAR BECAUSE SALAZAR COULD BY LYING.

KNOW HOW THE ASSASSINATION OF ROMERO WAS CARRIED OUT AND HOW ROBERTO ((VIERA)), DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF AGRARIAN REFORM (ISTA), AND TWO U.S. ADVISORS FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT (AIFLD) WERE KILLED IN THE SHERATON HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR IN 1982. PENA WAITED FOR SOME TIME BEFORE DOING ANYTHING FOR SALAZAR. HE THEN ASKED A SALVADORAN MILITARY DOCTOR ATTENDING A MEDICAL CONGRESS IN HONDURAS TO SPEAK TO GENERAL BLAMDON ABOUT SALAZAR. BLAMDON SET ORDERS THAT PENA BRING SALAZAR TO EL SALVADOR.

SALVADOR AND TURNED HIM OVER TO THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (DNI). THE DNI INTERROGATED SALAZAR AND.

IN RESPONSE TO HIS CLAIM THAT HE HAD HIDDEN IN GUATEMALA INCRIMINATING PHOTOGRAPHS OF HONDURAM MILITARY MEMBERS. HAD PENA TAKE HIM TO GUATEMALA, WHERE THEY FOUND NOTHING. PENA THEN TOOK SALAZAR TO HONDURAS AND THE DMI INSTRUCTED PENA TO LET SALAZAR GO. PENA, HOWEVER, WAS AFRAID THAT IF SALAZAR WERE KILLED, HE, PENA, WOULD BE ACCUSED. HE THEREFORE ASKED THE VENEZUELAM MILITARY ATTACHE FOR HELP IN MAKING A VIDEO TAPE OF SALAZAR TO TURN DVER TO JOURNALISTS WHO COULD THEN TESTIFY THAT PENA HAD LET THE TAPE WAS THEREFORE NADE IN THE HORSE OF THE VENEZUELAN ACCORDING TO PENA, THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SALAZAR. PENA REMARKED THAT IN HIS OPINION, THE PUBLICITY WHICH LE CHEVALIER AND OTHERS WERE PROMOTING IN THIS CASE WAS NOT DESIGNED AS MUCH TO IMPLICATE D'AUBUISSON AS TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR BLAMDON AND VIDES. THEREBY OPENING THE WAY TO APPOINTING CURRENT VICE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY COLONEL CARLOS REYNALDO ((LOPEZ)) NUILA AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY. (COMMENT: WHEN SALAZAR WAS INTERROGATED BY DNI. SENIOR DNI OFFICIALS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS

THAT THE PUBLICITY BEING GIVEN TO SALAZAR'S CASE IS INTENDED TO BUILD A CASE AGAINST D'AUBUISSON FOR COMPLICITY. IF NOT ACTUAL PARTICIPATION IN ARCHBISHOP ROMERD'S DEATH. LE CHEVALIER HAS INFORMED PENA, WHO HAS CALLED ON MEMBERS OF HIS MILITARY SCHOOL GRADUATION CLASS OR TANDA FOR ASSISTANCE, THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE SALVADORAN HIGH COMMAND ARE GUILTY OF ANYTHING EXCEPT BEING DUPED BY SALAZAR. LE CHEVALIER HAS ASKED PENA TO CONVEY THESE COMMENTS TO MEMBERS OF HIS TANDA TO ELIMINATE FEARS OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMAND

AND THE GOVERNMENT. LE CHEVALIER ALSO TOLO PENA THAT THERE IS NO MEED FOR HIM TO ASK TO BE RELIEVED OF DUTY.

ARRESTED IN SAN SALVADOR IN APPROXIMATELY AID-APRIL 1985 FOR ATTEMPTING TO STEAL A MOTORCYCLE BELONGING TO AN ACTIVE POC MEMBER, THE OWNER RECOGNIZED SALAZAR FROM ARENA'S TAPE OF SALAZAR AND IMMEDIATELY INFORMED THE POC OF SALAZAR'S ARREST. BY EARLY MAY. PCD LEADERS, WITH DUARTE'S APPROVAL AND LED BY LE CHEVALIER IN THIS INSTANCE, HAD DECIDED TO ATTEMPT TO BRING D'AUBUISSON TO TRIAL OVER SALAZAR'S TAPED STATEMENTS CONCERNING ROMERO'S STATEMENTS.

THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND OVER ONE PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE CASE. THIS IS THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY AND THE EMCFA WERE AWARE THAT THE INFORMATION ON THE VIDEO TAPE WHICH ARENA USED IN THE 1984 CAMPAIGN WAS FALSE BUT MADE NO EFFORT TO DISCREDIT THE INFORMATION OR INFORM ANYONE, ESPECIALLY QUARTE AND THE POC. DUARTE HAS VOICED HIS DISPLEASURE TO VIDES.

OF THE ARMED FORCES OF EL SALVADOR (ESAF).
INCLUDING VIDES, CONTINUED TO BE CONCERNED THAT THIS CASE COULD GET OUT OF HAND. PENA HAS INFORMED BLANDON THAT, IF NECESSARY TO SAVE HIS OWN REPUTATION, HE WOULD IMPLICATE THE ENTIRE MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN THIS SCANDAL PENA'S THREAT HAS BEEN INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT PENA WOOLD SERVICE THE TOTAL THAT PENA WOOLD PASS RESPONSIBILITY TO VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL RAFAEL ((FLORES)) LIMA; AND FLORES WOULD BE OBLIGED TO KICK THE MATTER UP TO VIDES. TO PREVENT THIS, VIDES HAS BEEN ADVISING DUARTE TO LET THE MATTER OROP. DUARTE HAS ASSURED VIDES THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE MILITARY HIERARCHY SUFFER SUCH A FATE AND WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE INCIDENT IS PUT TO REST.

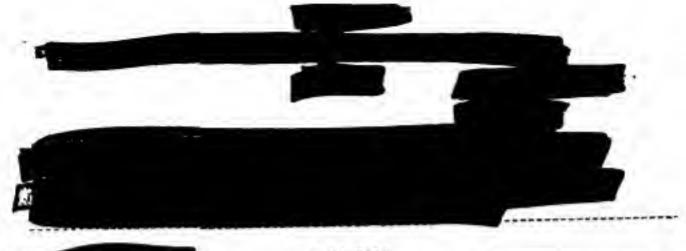
PUBLICLY BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DESCRIBING THE CHARGES AS A FARSE AND A LIE MOUNTED BY AN INCOMPETENT GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS ISSUE IS GOING TO FADE AWAY IN THE IMPEDIATE FUTURE.)

COMMENT: BASED ON INCORNATION RECEIVED A PENA APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLY UNDERSTATING HIS OWN ROLE IN CREATING THE SALAZAR MYTH. THIS IS BECAUSE PENA WAS IN PART MISLEAD BY SALAZAR, WHOSE INITIAL CONTACT WITH PENA WAS ON THE BASIS OF A CALCULATEAD APPEAL TO PENA'S EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN FAITH. SALAZAR ESSENTIALLY CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN BORM AGAIN AND TO REQUIRE COL PENA'S SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE. THIS RESULTED IN PENA DEVELOPING AN UNSHAKEABLE FAITH IN SALAZAR'S TRUTHFULNESS, WHICH HE SUSTAINED FAR BEYOND THE POINT WHERE A MORE OBJECTIVE OBSERVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED THE MATTER.)

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SUBJECT: TRACES - HANS CHRIST



HOOPE, WAS BORN 21 FEB 1951, SANTA TECLA, EL

BELIEVED CHRIST AND RICARDO (SOL) HESA CONHITTED THE MURDERS.

SAN CHRIST IN THE DOORAY AT END OF HALL BECKONING TO

SOMEONE NEAR THE OPPOSITE END OF THE PASSAGEMAY ADJOINING THE
LOBBY. SHORTLY AFTER HEARD GUNFIRE AND WHEN ENTERED THE
RESTAURANT SAM CHRIST TALKING INTO HAND HELD RADIO. AND SOL HEZA
BENDING OVER MARK D. (PEARLMAN), WHO STILL ALIVE. PEARLMAN DIED
ENROUTE TO HOSPITAL. CHRIST WORE DARK BLUE SUIT AND SOL HEZA A
BLUE ZIPPERED JACKET. NO WEAPONS WERE VISIBLE BUT COULD HAVE
BEEN CONCEALED IN JACKETS.

CHRIST HAD VISAS TOR US AND CHIES IN SALVADORAN PASSPORT BUT MANTED VISA IN GERMAN PASSPORT ALSO TO TRAVEL AS GERMAN CITIZEN. ACCORDING EASTERN FLT 198 MANIFEST CHRIST DEPARTED



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SHERATON MURDERS. ON 10 SEPT B1, DEPT JUSTICE REPORTED
SALVADORAN COURTS DECLARED INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DENY BAIL TO
SCL MEZA AND, SINCE CASE DEPENDED ON OUTCOME OF CASE AGAINST SOL
MEZA, EXTRADITION HEARING DELAYED INDEFINITELY.

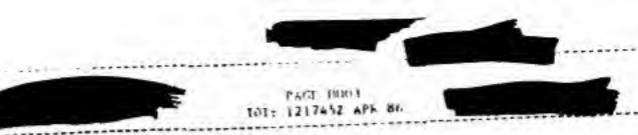
AND REQUEST BY GOES FOR EXTRADITION PROCESSED BY US DIST COURT FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. ON 28 MAR 82 CRIMINAL APPELLATE COURT CONFIRMED SUSPENSION OF CASE AGAINST CHRIST AND SOL MEZA FOR INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE: CASE AGAINST CHRIST FORMALLY DISMISSED 23 JUNE 82 BY US MAGISTRATE. ON 27 SEPT B2 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REQUESTED CASE BE REOPENED BECAUSE OF NEW EVIDENCE. ACCORDING CHRIST'S LAWYER, 13 OCT 82, CHRIST IN OCTIO.

NOV 82 AND REPORTED INTINIDATED AND THREATENED AGAINST
IDENTIFYING LT. RODOLFO ISIDRO (LOPEZ) SIBRIAN DURING
TESTIMONY. IDENTIFIED CHRIST FROM PHOTO AS ONE OF SIX MEN
IN COFFEE SHOP ON DAY OF MURDER, BUT WOULD NOT IDENTIFY LOPEZ.
WITHOUT HER IDENTIFICATION CASE AGAINST LOPEZ WAS DISMISSED, AND
CASE AGAINST CHRIST DEPENDED ON LOPEZ' CASE.

6. ACCORDING 28 NOV BZ NEWS ARTICLE, DURING TRIAL OF TWO FORMER NATIONAL GUARD (CN) CORPORALS INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS, JOSE DIMAS (VALLE) ACEVEDO AND SANGIAGO (GONEZ) GONZALEZ, SAID THEY HET LT. LOPEZ SIBRIAN AND CHRIST IN HOTEL PARKING LOT AND IT WAS THERE THEY WERE GIVEN WEAPONS AND ORDERED TO EXECUTE THE THREE OFFICIALS. ONE MAN WAS GIVEN A WINDBREAKER TO CONCEAL HIS GUN. THAT SAME EVENING THEY-ERE ACCOMPANIED BY CHRIST TO THE HOTEL. HE LED THEN TO THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS, HERE THE THREE OFFICIALS WERE HAVING PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS. CHRIST POINTED OUT THE THREE VICTIMS TO THEIR EXECUTIONERS. ACCORDING TO CHRIST'S LAWYER, JUAN RAMON (ROSALES) Y ROSALES, CHRIST WAS INNOCENT, AND HAD RESULTS OF AN EIGHT-HOUR POLYGRAPH TEST ADMINISTERED IN HIAMI TO PROVE IT. ACCORDING NEWS ARTICLE, CHRIST REPORTED TRAVELLING TO US. HIS LAYER HAD ADVISED HIN TO GO TO CHILE, HERE THERE IS NO EXTRADITION TREATY ITH GOES. ON ADVISED THAT CHRIST REPORTED TO HAVE 24 JAN 83 BEEN SEEN IN HIAMI, FLORIDA.

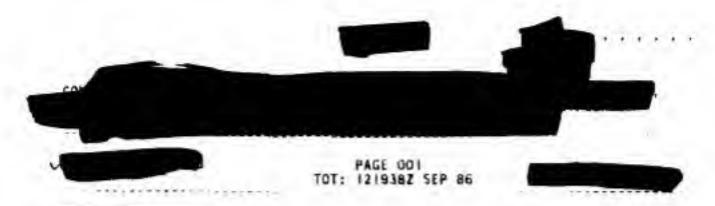
7. A SUMMARY OF THE SHERATON HOTEL MURDER INQUIRY INDICATED





STO THE INTERAL MICESEL (HAMMER). AND HART PLAFINGS WERE ", SOURCE IN THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS AT THE SHERATIN HOTEL, SAN SALVADOR, 3 JANUARY 1981. LT LOPEZ AND HIS BODYGUAFD, VALLE. DE VE FROM GN HOS TO CHRIST HOME THEN TO SHERATON HOTEL. THEY MAINTAINED RADIO CONTACT WITH ARMY CAPT. EDUARDO ERNESTO ALFONSO AVILAT AVILA HOM THEY HET AT HOTEL PARKING LOT. CHRIST ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND AVILA BELIEVED ACCOMPANIED BY GIRLFRIEND. THEY WENT TO COFFEE SHOP FOR DINNER, AND CHRIST RECOGNIZED VIERA, HAMMER AND PEAKLHAN WHEN THEY ENTERED. APPROX 2200 HRS SOL MEZA, HIS WIFE, AND HAJOR MARIO DENIS (MORAN) AND HIS WIFE ARRIVED, ESCORTED BY GN SANTOS ANGEL (URISE) AND SANTIAGO (GOMEZ) GONZALEZ, AND BODYGUARDS JULIO (CARRILLO) SARMIENTO AND ISMAEL HERCULES (REYES), EMPLOYED BY SOL MEZA. APPROX 2300 HRS CHRIST, LOPEZ AND AVILA MET AT LOPEZ' VEHICLE. AND LOPEZ REPORTEDLY INSTRUCTED VALLE ACEVEDO TO KILL THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTO SALVADORENO PARA LA TRANSFORMACION AGRARIA (ISTA) AND TWO POREIGNERS WITH HIM. LOPEZ ORDERED GONEZ TO ACCOMPANY VALLE, THEY ACCOMPANIED LOPEZ TO HIS CHEVROLET, WHERE HE GAVE GONEZ A 9MM INGRAM SUB MACHINEGUN AND AVILA GAVE VALLE A 45 CAL INGRAM SUB MACHINEGUN WITH SILENCER, AVILA GAVE GONEZ A KHAKI WINDBREAKER JACKET TO CONCEAL THE WEAPON, CHRIST LED COMEZ AND VALLE INTO THE HOTEL AND AT THE DODRWAY TO THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS, GESTURED TOWARD THE VIERA PARTY, INDICATING TO GOMEZ AND VALLE THESE WERE THE MEN TO BE KILLED. GOMEZ AND VALLE REPORTEDLY CARRIED OUT THE ASSASSINATION, RETURNED TO THE PARKING LOT, AND WENT TO THE AVILA RESIDENCE, WHERE VALLE RETURNED THE INGRAM AND GOMEZ RETURNED THE WINDEREARER TO AVILA. LOPEZ THEN INSTRUCTED THEM TO RETURN TO GN HOS. AND LOPEZ AND POSSIBLY AVILA RETURNED TO THE HOTEL TO VERIFY EVENTS.







SUBJECT: GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)) MERINO



A. JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)) MERINO WAS BORN 25 JUNE 1933 IN SAN VICENTE, EL SALVADOR. HE WAS FROM A LOWER TO LOWER-MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY AND ATTENDED THE INSTITUTO SANTO TOMAS, A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HIS HOME TOWN. IN 1953 HE ENTERED THE MILITARY ACADEMY, WHERE HE STUDIED LIBERAL ARTS AND MILITARY SCIENCE. WHILE IN SCHOOL, HE HAD FEW FRIENDS, ALTHOUGH HE DID DEVELOP A STRONG SENSE OF LOYALTY TO THE MILITARY. AFTER HIS GRADUATION, HE HELD MOSTLY ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS. FROM 1974 TO 1977, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (ANTEL) A PRESTIGIOUS POST ALWAYS FILLED BY THE MILITARY. IN 1977, GARCIA EXPECTED TO BE DESIGNATED AS PRESIDENT; INSTEAD HIS FELLOW OFFICERS CHOSE GENERAL CARLOS ((ROMERO)) AND GARCIA BELIEVED THAT HE WAS SIDELINED BECAUSE OF HIS REPUTATION FOR HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. IN 1878, ROMERO APPOINTED HIM MILITARY COMMANDER OF SAN VICENTE, A FORM OF INTERNAL EXILE, BECAUSE OF GARCIA'S LINVOLVEMENT-IN A-PLOT-TO OVERTHROW THE PRESIDENT.

REPORTED COLONELS ANTONIO ((GONZALEE)) ELIZONOU, JUSE UDILLERAU GARCIA AND FORMER ARMY COLONEL JUAN ANTONIO ((MARTINEZ)) WERE INVOLVED IN A COUP PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT ROMERO. ON 15 FEBRUARY 1979, FORMER ARMY GENERAL JOSE ALBERTO ((MEDRANO)).

CALLED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. MEDRANO TOLD PRESIDENT ROMERO THAT THE OLD COLONER GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED, AND COULD BE ACCOUNTSHED BY REPLACING THE BANKING MINISTERS.

C. OM 5 OCTOBER 1979 PRESIDENT ROMERO INDIVIDUALLY
CONTACTED COLONELS JOSE EUGENIO VIDES CASANOVA, JAIME ABOUL
GUITERREZ AND JOSE GUILLERMO GARCIA. AND PERSONALLY ACCUSED THEM OF
BEING INVOLVED IN A COUP PLOT. EACH DENIED THE ACCUSATION.
ON 30 MAY 1979 SEVERAL MAJORS OF THE 1963
MILITARY CLASS AND VIDES, GUITERREZ AND GARCIA HELD INFORMAL
CONVERSATIONS IN WHICH THEY REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO POOL MILITARY
RESOURCES IN PLANNING A POSSIBLE COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT ROMERO.

D. IN OCTOBER 1979, GARCIA HELPED PLAN THE COUP THAT TOPPLED' THE ROMERO REGIME AND INSTEAD OF SEEKING A SEAT ON THE JUNTA, FORMED TO RULE THE COUNTRY, HE CHOSE TO BECOME MINISTER OF DEFENSE, WHERE HE GAINED OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE ARMED FORCES AND BECAME, IN EFFECT, THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE AND WAS FREE TO PURSUE HIS FOREMOST GOAL--PRESERVING THE COMESION OF THE ARMED

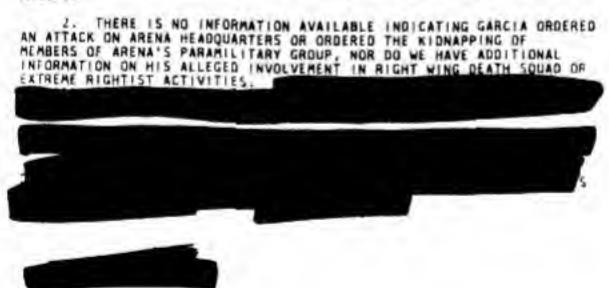
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HE HELEASED PORTILLAL TO MONTH INSTITUTED USE OF NUNLETHA, HIGH CONTROL WEAPONS, AND REMOVED ARTHER COMMANDS A FEW RIGHT WING MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATED WITH DEATH SQUADS. HOWEVER, HE FOLERATED THE CONTINUES EXISTENCE OF DEATH SQUADS AND. IN JANUARY 1981 RINEGED ON PROMISE TO LIMIT THEM INFIL.

- E. GARCIA WAS A MART, THREWD INDIVIDUAL, WHICH PUBLIC WHISH WAS COOL AND RESERVED. HE EAHIBITED A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE MOTIONAL CONTROL, KEPT HIS PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND FEELINGS WELL CONCEALED AND HAD A SUBTLE SENSE OF HUMOR WHICH HE OFTEN USED TO INFLUENCE OTHERS.

 CONFERENCES, GARCIA EMPLOYED "MULTIPLE ENTENDRE", CONVEYING SEVERAL LEVELS OF MEANING TO HIS AUDIENCE. HE APPEARED TO HAVE A SELF-RIGHTEOUS STREAK, A SENSE OF SUPERIORITY, AND PROBABLY HAD A CAPACITY FOR VINDICTIVENESS, EVEN CHUELTY, TOWARD THOSE WHO WOULD THWANT HIS PLANS AND OBJECTIVES. GARCIA WAS ADEPT IN PLANSABILING THE SENSE OF HUMOR TO HELP INFLUENCE THAN EMITTION. OF OFTEN USED HIS SENSE OF HUMOR TO HELP INFLUENCE OTHERS. HE INNOTED TO METER THAN EMITTION. OF OFTEN USED HIS SENSE OF HUMOR TO HELP INFLUENCE OTHERS. HE INNOTED TO METER THAN EMITTION. OF OFTEN USED HIS SENSE OF HUMOR TO HELP INFLUENCE OTHERS. HE INNOTED TO METER THAN EMITTION. OF OFTEN USED HIS SENSE OF HUMOR TO HELP INFLUENCE OTHERS. HE INNOTED TO METER THAN EMITTION. HE INNOTED TO
- AND HAVE FIVE CHILDREN. HE HAD STRONG FAMILY VALUES AND PHOFESSED TO ADHERE TO TRADITIONAL VALUES OF THE CHURCH. IN 1981 HE TRAVILET TO THE U.S. TO ATTEND HIS DAUGHTER'S WEDDING.
- POSITION AS MOD BECAUSE OF THREATS FROM THE EL SALVADOR AIR FORCE TO DEFY THE HIGH COMMAND AND OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY. THEIR COMPLAINTS WERE THAT GARCIA ISOLATED HIMSELF FROM THE MILITARY COMMANDERS, MADE DECISIONS ON POLITICAL AND MILITARY MATTERS WITHOUT CONSULTING THEM, SUPPORTED INCOMPETENT OFFICERS WHO HELD IMPORTANT POSITIONS AND WHOSE PERSONAL REPUTATIONS TARNISHED THE IMAGE OF THE ARMED FORCES. AND GARCIA'S OPPOSITION TO ARENA. GARCIA TRIED TO IMPLEMENT REFORMS WHICH ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), PRESIDENT OF ARENA TRIED TO STALL OR MODIFY.





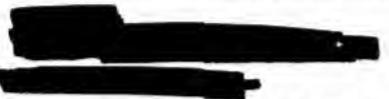
2. SANTIVANEE SERVED AS SALVADORAN CONSUL IN NEW ORLEANS FROM NOVEMBER 1983 UNTIL OCTOBER 1984, WHEN HE WAS FIRED AS COUNSEL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT HE WAS THE SOURCE OF TWO NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLES, BOTH PUBLISHED IN MARCH 1984, IN WHICH ALLEGATIONS WHERE MADE THAT LEADING SALVADORAN MILITARY OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS WERE INVOLVED IN DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITES, AND THAT A TOP SALVADORAN POLICE OFFICIAL WAS ACCUSED INFORMANT. HE APSO COMPUCTED A PRESS INTERVIEW IN MARCH 1985 WHERE HE STATED THAT FORMER FON OFFICIAL COLONEL RICARDO "CHIHO" ((LAU)), RECEIVED \$120,000.00 FOR ARRANGING THE DEATH SQUAD EXECUTION OF ARCHBISHOP OBCAR ARNULEO ((ROMERO)) IN 1980 AND WAS WORKING DIRECTLY FOR THEN ARENA PRESIDENT AND KNOWN RIGHT WINGER ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)). SANTIVANEZ ADDED THAT COL. LAU WAS SENT TO

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WORK IN GUATEMALA, TRAINING DEATH SQUAD KILLERS AND ADVISED D'AUBUISSON DIRECTLY ON HOW TO CARRY OUT DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES. HIS ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL QUERIES TO THE LAST BEING HARCH 1985, FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HPSCI.







SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO



ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO WAS MURDERED ON 24 MARCH 1980 IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL IN NORTHERN SAN SALVADOR COLONIA OF MIRAMONTE. HE WAS STRUCK IN THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CHEST BY A SINGLE .22 CALIBER BULLET THAT FRAGMENTED AND LODGED IN HIS LUNG (SOME BELIEVE AN "EXPLOSIVE" BULLET WAS USED). THOUGH INITIAL OVERT REPORTING SAYS A GROUP OF GUNMEN ENTERED THE CHURCH AND OPENED FIRE, LATER REPORTING AND INVESTIGATIONS SHOWED THE SHOT TO HAVE BEEN FIRED THROUGH THE OPEN DOORS OF THE CHAPEL BY A SINGLE GUNMAN, PROBABLY USING A RIFLE. SOURCES WERE REPORTED BY THE PRESS TO SAY THAT THE WEAPON WAS PROBABLY EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT. THE ASSASSIN IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN 90-150 FEET FROM THE ARCHBISHOP WHEN THE SHOT WAS FIRED.

CHURCH OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE KILLER APPARENTLY GOT OUT OF A CAR OPPOSITE THE DOORS TO THE CHAPEL, FIRED ONE SHOT AND THEN WAS DRIVEN AWAY BEFORE ANYONE GOT A CLOSE LOOK AT HIM. THE OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS BELIEVED THREE OTHER MEN WERE ALSO IN THE CAR. THE FRESS REPORTED AT THE TIME THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR SAID A GOVERNMENT SOURCE INFORMED HIM ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION THAT "RIGHT-WING CUBAN TERRORISTS" WERE OPERATING IN EL SALVADOR. THE SOURCE IMPLIED THAT THE ASSASIN MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THESE CUBANS.



A VARIETY OF SOURCES HAVE ACCUSED ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON))
OF COMPLICITY IN THE MURDER OF ROMERO. ALTHOUGH THE BULK OF
THE REPORTING IS CREDIBLE. THERE IS NOTHING THAT COULD BE
CONSTRUED AS HARD PROOF. SEVERAL REPORTS ON THE ROMERO
ASSASSINATION CLAIM THAT D'AUBUISSON AND HIS COLLEAGUES HELD
MEETINGS IN EARLY 1980 TO PLAN THE KILLING. ACCORDING TO SOME
SOURCES, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE ASKED TO DRAW LOTS TO
DETERMINE WHO WOULD CARRY OUT THE ACT. SOME SOURCES CLAIM THAT
MILITARY PERSONNEL COMPRISED THE HIT SQUAD AND THAT A FORMER
MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD FIRED THE FATAL SHOT.

IN ADDITION TO D'AUBUISSON, SEVERAL OTHER NAMES HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ROMERO'S MURDER:

A. WALTER ((NUSA)).

AS ONE WALTER ANTONIO ((ALVAREZ)). ALVAREZ WORKED AT ALMACENES PACIFICO IN SAN SALVADOR. ALVAREZ APPEARS TO HAVE LIVED IN LA HERMITA SECTION OF APOPA, SAN SALVADOR. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. SEVERAL GUNMEN TOOK ALVAREZ AWAY FROM A SOCCER GAME ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1981, SHOT HIM SEVERAL TIMES AND LEFT HIS BODY ON THE ROAD WHICH LEADS TO MARIONA PRISON



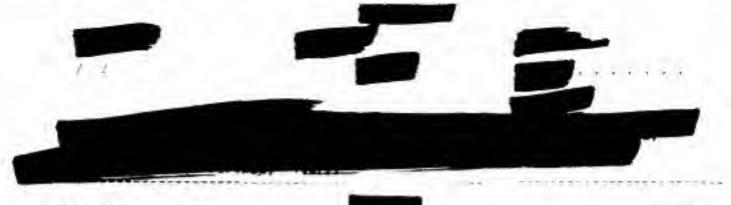


C. LTC. ARISTEDES ((MARQUEZ)), FORMER CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL POLICE,

D. LTC. MARIO DENIS ((MORAN)), NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER

- E. INSPECTOR MISAEL ((RIVAS)) ROMERO, DETECTIVE SIGIPREDO ((PEREZ)) LINARES, JOSE LUIS ((ALAS)) ROMERO, LUIS ((RODRIGUEZ)), AND FNU ((SANTIN)), SUPPOSED MEMBERS OF DEATH SQUAD WHICH KILLED ROMERO.
- F. LT. FRANCISCO ((AMAYA)). A SUPPOSEDLY PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S MURDER.
- G. CAPTAIN FNU ((VEGA)) VALENCIA, NATIONAL GUARD, WAS ACCUSED BY DOCTOR HECTOR ((REGALADO)), CHIEF OF ARENA'S PARAMILITARY UNIT, OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION, AND OF USING AN EXPLOSIVE BULLET.
- H. REGALADO IS SUSPECTED BY SOME AS BEING A CONSPIRATOR IN THE ASSASSINATION, AND OF MANUFACTURING THE EXPLOSIVE BULLET THAT KILLED ROMERO. SUPPOSEDLY, REGALADO, WHO IS A DENTIST BY PROFESSION, HAD USED HIS DENTIST TOOLS IN THE PAST TO FABRICATE SPECIAL BULLETS FOR OTHER ASSASSINATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE ARENA PARAMILITARY UNIT.



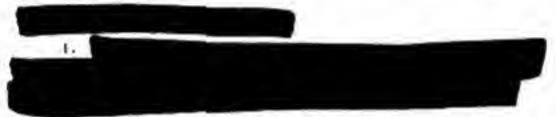


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SUBJECT: TRACE REPLY ON FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SALVADORAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA AND CONTACTS

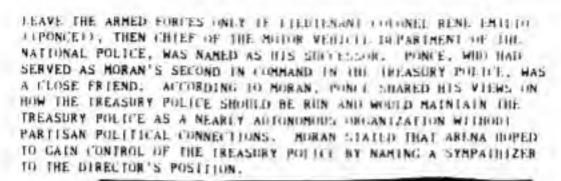


- 2. TRACES ON FRANCISCO TIMORANI) INDITATE ONE COL.
 FRANCISCO ANTONIO ((MORAN)), BURN 10 NOVEMBER 1931, WAS THE
 CHIEF OF THE TREASURY POLICE AS OF FEBRUARY 1982. ON 18
 OCTOBER 1982 PREPORTED THAT A WIRSENING OF RELATIONS
 BETWEEN CARLOS REYNALDO ((LUPEZ)) NUITA, NATIONAL POLICE
 DIRECTOR AND MORAN, WAS BEGINNING TO AFFELT RELATIONS BETWEEN
 THE TREASURY POLICE AND THE NATIONAL POLICE.
 - HOSE REPORTING IS OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY, REPORTED COL.
 HORAN HAD MAINTAINED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH MARIO
 ((REDAELL()), SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ARENA PARTY, SINCE HID-1981,
 WHEN MORAN ADVISED REDAELLI THAT HE HAD BEEN OBSERVED PRIOR TO
 THE POLGARCITO PRINTING COMPANY BOMBING, THAT MORAN KNEW
 REDAELLI WAS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT, AND SUGGESTED THAT
 RAEDELLI USE MEMBERS OF THE TREASURY POLIT'E FOR FUTURE
 OPERATIONS. REDAELLI SAID HE HAS MAINTAINED A CLOSE
 RELATIONSHIP WITH MORAN AND TREASURY POLITE SINCE HID 1981, AND
 THAT MORAN WAS INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF ANY PLANNED BOMBINGS OR

TOLD A GROUP OF HIS CLOSE FRIENDS HE WAS WILLING TO RESIGN AND

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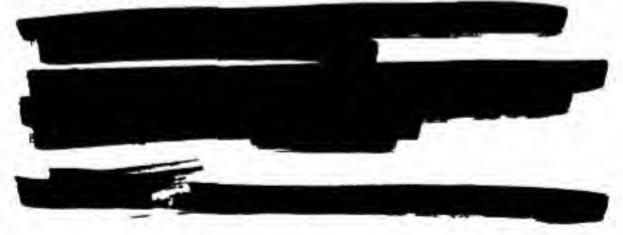




BEPORTED THAT NORAN, PRESIDENT OF THE RIO LEMPA HYDROELECTRIC COMPANY (FEL), WAS PROTEING AGAINST THE LIVES OF COLUMN AND FOR THE LIVES OF COLUMN AND FOR AND COL. JUAN RAFAEL (TRUSTILIDIT), AIR FORCE COMMANDER. IT WAS BELIEF THAT NORAN WAS A FLUSE FRIEND OF FURNER DEFENSE.
HINISTER, GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA))

7. ON 23 APRIL 1985,
RECEIVED INFORMATION

FURMER CHIEF OF THE TREASURY POLICE AND THEN HEAD OF CEL. WAS VERY ACTIVE IN DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES. HORAN WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DIRECTING THE ACTIVITIES OF TWO LEFTIST GUERRILLAS RECRUITED BY THE RIGHT TO EDMNIT ASSASSINATIONS. BOMBINGS, AND OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. THE GUERRILLAS WERE CALLED "TOS ANGELITOS" AND HAD A NATURAL TOVER AS LEFTIST GUERRILLAS. ACCORDING TO THE LIAISON SERVICE SOURCE, HORAN DID NOT HEET THEM DIRECTLY BUT USED RICARDO ANTONIO (TROGELY) AS HIS INTERMEDIARY.





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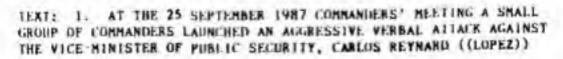
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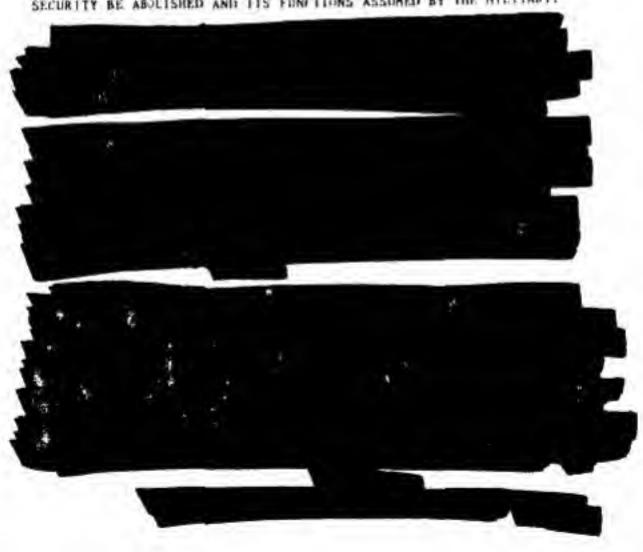


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NOTEA, THE VICE MINISTRY AS AN INSTITUTION, AND THE SPECIAL IN VESTIGATIONS INTO OF THE VICE BENEFITS. THIS GROUP LONGISTED OF THE BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL BENEFIT HARLIO OFFICEAL, AND LARGESTON COMMANDER COLONEL ROSE PILLIO OFFICAVESTS CALLED, OR 6 COMMANDER COLONEL NAVIDAD DE 185.5 (UTALERESTE, DM 4 COMMANDER COLONEL HARLIOS FICARRILLO) SCREENER, AND COLONEL LIMIT COUNTAINED THAN CALLED, OFFICEAR TELEDY SCREENER, AND COLONEL LIMIT COUNTAINED THAN COLONEL TOOSE. SCRUTTINY BY THE VICE MINISTRY FOR HIS ALLEGED PARTIFIPATION IN THE 1983 "LAS ESSAS" MASSACRE, ONL OF THE BUILDER KNOWN HUMAN RIGHTS CASES OF THE EARLY 1980"S.) BASICALLY, THIS GROUP DEMANDED HEAT:

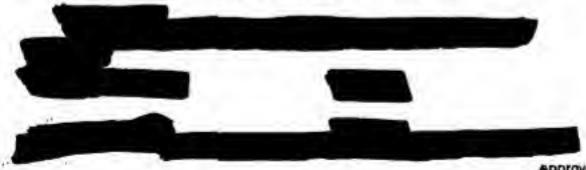
- LEAST COMPLETELY REORGANIZED UNDER MILITARY CONTROL
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- SECURITY BE ABOLISHED AND HIS FUNCTIONS ASSURED BY THE HILLTARY.



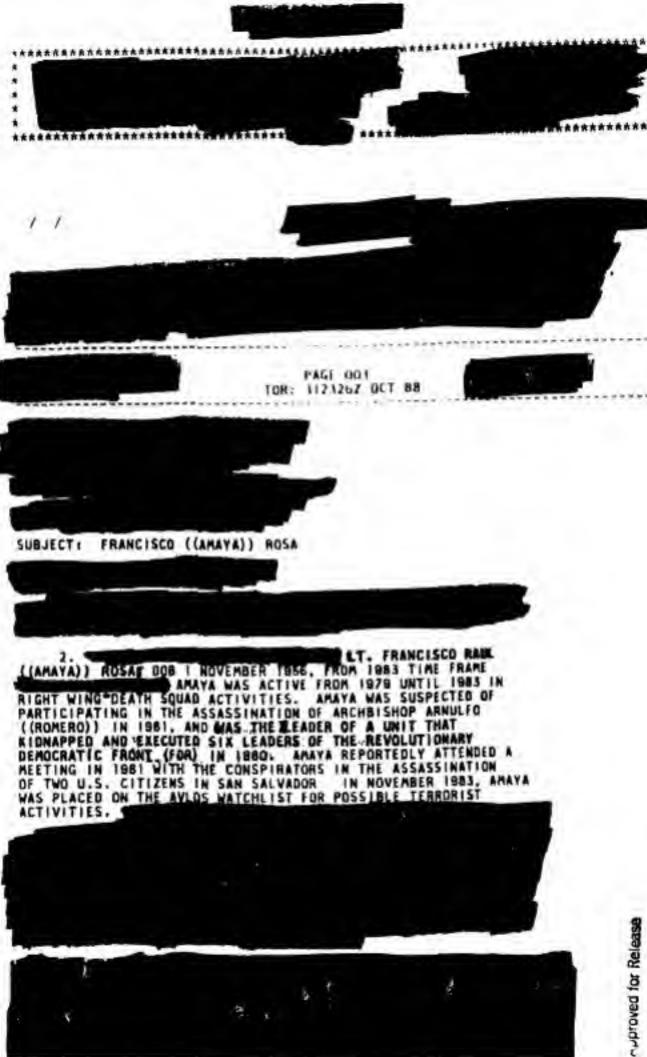


SUBJECT: - HILITARY ATTACHE OF EL SALVADOR

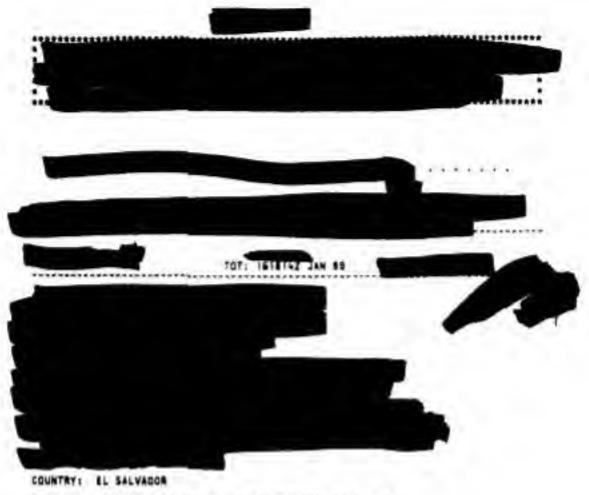
JOSE RICARDO ((POZO)) IS CURRENTLY SALVADORAN ATTACHE IN ASUNCION. HIS RANK IS LIEUTENANT COLONEL. FYI, THERE IS ANOTHER SALVADORAN MILITARY OFFICER IN ASUNCION. MAJOR VICTOR HUGO ((VEGA)) VALENCIA. VEGA WAS SELECTED IN JAN 86 FOR STAFF COLLEGE TRAINING IN ASUNCION. WE UNDERSTAND VEGA IS STILL IN PARAGUAY BUT DO NOT KNOW IF HIS STATUS HAS CHANGED AND WHETHER HE MIGHT NOW BE ATTACHED TO THE ATTACHE OFFICE. WE HAVE HEARD HIM REFERRED TO HERE, AT LEAST ONCE, AS "ATTACHE IN ASUNCION." YEGA VALENCIA WAS ARRESTED IN MAY 1980 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF SALVADORAN ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ((AOMERO)). VEGA VALENCIA IS DUE TO RETURN TO EL SALVADOR IMMINENTLY. UPON HIS RETURN HE WILL PROBABLY BE ARRESTED AGAIN, STILL IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROMERO CASE. HIS POSSIBLE ARREST IS IMPORTANT AS HE WILL BE THE FIRST ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICER TO BE ARRESTED IN THIS STAGE OF THE CASE AND HE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO IMPLICATE OTHER ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS IN THE ASSASSINATION.



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OFFER BY SALVADDRAW JUSTICE MINISTER TO FORMER ORIVER OF ADDERTO D'AUGUISSON FOR INFORMATION INFORMATION INFORMATION DISHOP ROMERO.

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TEST: 1. IN EARLY JANUARY 1000.

HATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE PARTY [ERENA]

HOTHER REPUBLICAN HAS CONTACTED A MAN WARED GRACIANG [LNU] IN MARIONA

PRISON AND OFFERED LUCRATIVE INQUERAENTS FOR INFORMATION IMPLICATING

D'AUGUISSON IN THE 1880 MURDER OF ARCHBISHOF DECAR ARRULFO ROMEND.

TO FURTHER IDENTIFY BY LAST MARE, WAS D'AUGUISSON'S PERSONAL DRIVER

IN 1979-1880 AND HAS BEEN PROVIDED SECURITY PROTECTION INSIDE MARIONA

SINCE HIS CONFINERENT. COMPARMY. THE ARENA MEMBER DID NOTY

STATE WAY GRACIAND WAS IN PRISON OR WHEN HE ENTERED PRISON.)

THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT GRACIAND HAD ASKED "COMANDANTE"
CLOSE ARENA CONTACT. TO INFORM OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO MARIONA AND A
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AND RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES IN RETURN FOR INFORMATION
IMPLICATING D'AUGUISSON IN THE ROMERO MUNDER.

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2. EL SALVADOR: GUERRILLAS PRESS URBAN ATTACKS

SALVADORAN INSURGENTS ARE CONTINUING URBAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE WAKE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REJECTION OF THEIR PEACE PROPOSAL. THE MILITARY THWARTED AN ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE LAST WEEK, BUT INSURGENTS IN RECENT DAYS HAVE KILLED A GOVERNOR AND ATTACKED ECONOMIC TARGETS AND THE RESIDENCES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE GUERRILLAS ALSO ARE PLANNING STRIKES AND ECONOMIC SABOTAGE THIS WEEK FOR VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE'S VISIT, INDICATE REBELS MAY BE PLANNING

TO ATTACK THE US EMBASSY

COMMENT: THE REBELS PRESUMABLY HOPE HIGH-VISIBILITY ATTACKS WILL CONVINCE SAN SALVADOR AND INTERNATIONAL DESERVERS THAT THEY REMAIN A VIABLE MILITARY AND POLITICAL FORCE. THE GUERNILLAS PROBABLY ALSO HOPE PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS WILL PROVOKE A VIDLENT RESPONSE THAT WOULD DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT AND INCREASE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON SAN SALVADOR TO CONSIDER THEIR PEACE PROPOSAL. THE INSURGENTS ARE LIKELY TO RESUME ASSASSINATING MAYORS. WHICH THEY HAD PROMISED TO STOP IF THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE PEACE PROPOSAL. AND WILL CONTINUE OTHER ACTIVITIES AIMED AT DISRUPTING THE 18 MARCH ELECTION.

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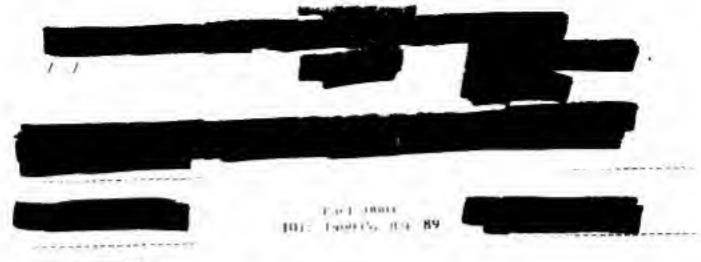


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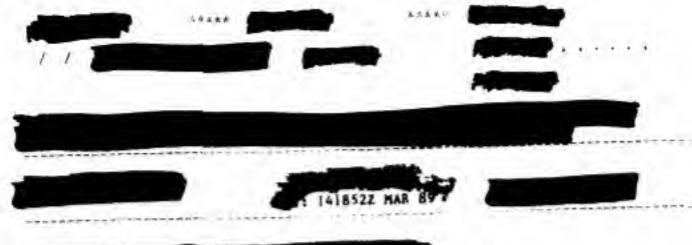


2. RECENT WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON THE "LA CEBADILLA", ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE SAN STRASITAN CASE, HENTION MAJOR MAURICIO DE JESUS (CBELTRANT). II ARROLDO ANTONIO (CVASQUES)) AND LT. MANUEL DE JESUS (COALVIZIT GALVEZ AS BEING UNDER ARREST FOR THE KILLINGS.

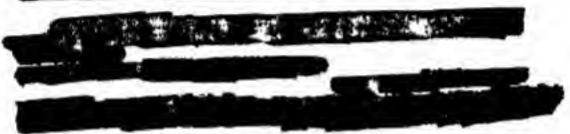




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FINDINGS OF THE SPECIAL HONOR COMMISSION IN THE

SAN SEBASTIAN CASE

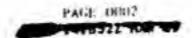
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SUMMARY: ON 9 MARCH 1989, THE ESAF SPECIAL HONOR CONMISSION PRESENTED ITS FINDINGS IN THE SAN SEBASTIAN CASE. ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, HAJOR BELTRAN, THE 5TH BRIGADE S-11, WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 21 SEPTEMBER 1988 KILLING OF 10 CIVILIANS IN SAN SEBASTIAN. THE KILLING OF THE 10 CIVILIANS, WHO HERE IN FACT INVOLVED IN FHLN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. WAS A CRIMINAL ACT AND WAS OUTSIDE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES. HAJOR BELTRAN CONCOCTED A FALSE AMBUSH TO CAMOUFLAGE THE KILLINGS AND ORDERED THE ESAF PERSONNEL INVOLVED, WHO OPPOSED HIS ORDERS, TO CARRY OUT THE FALSE AMBUSH AND KILL THE CIVILIANS. THE COMMISSION FOUND THE COMMANDER OF THE 5TH BRIGADE INNOCENT OF ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE KILLINGS AND RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE RETURNED TO HIS COMMAND. THE COMMISSION PROVIDED A LIST OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS WHO







SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE COMPETENT TRIBUNALS FOR LET AL ALTION.

TEXT: 1. ON 9 MARCH 1989, THE SPECIAL HONOR COMMISSION CASE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. ACCORDING IN THE SAME REPORT, THE SAME SEBASTIAN KILLINGS HERE FOUND IN THE COMMISSION COMM

2. THE SHC'S REPORT PROVIDES AS BACKGROUND TO THE FINDINGS THE STORY AS ORIGINALLY PUT OUT BY HAJOR BELTRAN AND A LIST OF ALL THE PERSONS INTERVIEWED BY THE SHC. THE REPORT THEN PROVIDES A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS, BASED ON THE INTERVIEWS, AND THE SHC'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. PRECIS OF ACTUAL EVENTS:

COMPANY OF THE "JIBOA" BATTALION OF THE 5TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, UNDER THE COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT ARNOLDO ANTONIO ((VASQUEZ)) ALVAKENGA, WHICH HAD BEEN OPERATING IN THE AREA FOR A NUMBER OF DA/S. RECEIVED THE ORDER TO CAPTURE A SUPPOSED INSURGENT NAMED JOSE MARIA ((FLORES)) WHO RESIDED IN THE TOWN OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN SEBASTIAN HIRISDICTION. THIS MISSION WAS CARRIED OUT AND THE CAPTURED INSURGENT HAS RELIEVED OF TWO M-16 RIPLES, EXPLOSIVES, PROPAGANDA, AND TWO BLACK UNIFORMS WHICH HE HAD IN THAT PLACE. AT APPROXIMATELY 0730 HOUR; LOCAL ON 21 SEPTEMBER, IST LIEUTENANT MANUEL DE JESUS ((GALVEZ)) GALVEZ. COMMANDER OF THE 2ND COMPANY, HET UP WITH THE 2ND SECTION. ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COMMAND GROUP; HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE CAPTURE FROM HIS SECTION COMMANDER.

THREE OTHER SUSPECTED PERSONS WERE DETAINED; WHILE THIS WAS BEING CARRIED OUT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER (30 40) OF PEOPLE HAD BEEN GATHERED IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, WHICH LID TO THE TOWN OF LA CEBADILLA. THESE PERSONS HAD BEEN GATHERED TOGETHER SO THAT THE HILITARY COULD COMMUNICATE TO THEM THE HILITARY'S CONCERN THAT THEY WERE BEING USED BY THE FMLN FOR TERRORISTIC PURPOLES.



HAJOR BELTRAN ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. BELTRAN IS THE STITUTE STHE BRIGADE. BELTRAN WAS ACCUMPANIED BY THO INTERROGATORS OF SERIVED BY HELICOPTER.

AS A RESULT OF THE INTERROGATIONS OF THE PROPERTY.

DECISION TO KILL THE 10 PERSONS AND WAS OPPOSED IN THIS HELLION BY THE TWO LIEUTENANTS, WHO HAINTAINED HIS WAS AN ILLEGAL WHILE WHICH WOULD COMPROMISE THE HILLTARY PERSONNEL. FROM THAT MOMINI ON, MAJOR BELTRAN ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE UNIT AND BEGAN GIVING DIRLL! ORDERS TO SUBORDINATES. HE DRDERED SGT. LORGE ALBERTO ((TOBAR)) CHIMAN TO GO ALONG THE ROAD TO LA LEBADILLA AND SET UP AN AMBUSH USIA. HILL CAPTURED EQUIPMENT.

-SGT. GUZHAN, ACCOMPANIED BY SOME SOLDIEMS. ISTABLISHED THE AMBUSH AT APPROXIMATELY 1530 HOURS LOCAL. THE CIVILIANS WERE LED BY VARIOUS HEMBERS OF THE TROOP TO THE SELECTED LOCATION. A MINE WAS EXPLODED AND A HAND GRENADE WAS THROWN, RESULTING IN AN UNDITTERMINED NUMBER OF DEAD BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE CIVILIANS WOUNDED, WHO WERE THEN KILLED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNIT ON THE ORDERS OF MAJOR BUT TRAN.

-A POSTER AND SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA WERE LETT IN THE PLACE WHERE THE DEAD WERE TO JUSTIFY OR SIMULATE AN INSTRUCTION AMBUSH. THE LEG OF ONE SOLDIER WAS SMEARED WITH BLOOD AND HE WAS EVALUATED TO THE BRIGADE ON THE ORDERS OF MAJOR BELTRAN. IN THAT SAME HELICOPTER WAS TRANSPORTED THE CAPTURED EQUIPMENT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EXPLOSIVES WHICH WERE LATER DESTROYED.

-DURING THE FOLLOWING DAYS, MAJOR BELTRAM SPREAD THE FALSE VERSION OF EVERTS AND ORDERED ALL SUBORDINATE PERSONNEL TO STICK TO THAT STORY.

-IN ORDER TO LEND CREDENCE TO HIS FALSE VERSION OF
EVENTS, MAJOR BELTRAN SELECTED A SOLDIER WOUNDED IN ANOTHER OPERATION
TO PRESENT AS THE SOLDIER ALLEGEDLY WOUNDED IN THE SUPPOSED AMBUSH.
THIS VERSION OF EVENTS IS BASED ON THE SPONTANEOUS DECLARATIONS HADE
TO THE SHC BY THE MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE SCENE.

B. CONCLUSIONS:

THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1988, IN THE TOWN OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN SEBASTIAN, SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT, WERE NOT THE RESULT OF AN INSURGENT AMBUSH BUT INVOLVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE 5TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.



THE ID PERSONS DETAINED AT THAT TIME AND HIM WERE SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION OBTAINED AND THE MATERIAL CAPTURED, HERE INVOLVED IN PARTICIPATING IN FHIM CHAVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

AND PLANNING OF THE CRIMINAL ACT, FALLS ON MAJOR BELTRAN.

-ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN INC.

LT. ARNOLDO VASQUEZ ALVARENGA

SGT. JORGE ALBERTO TOBAR GUZMAN

SGT. RAFAEL ((ROSALES)) VILLALOBOS

CPL. HERNAN ((AYALA)) ARIAS

PVT. JOSE CARLOS ((HERNANDEZ)) MATUTE

PVT. FRANCISCO ((PUNCE)) RAMIREZ

PVT. FERMIN ((CRUZ)) CASIRO

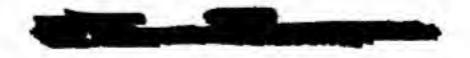
PVT. JOSE ALFREDO ((MENDEZ)) BELTRAN

ALTHOUGH THESE PERSONS COULD BE CHARGED LEGALLY WITH THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, THIS WOULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED AS, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SHC, AT NO TIME DID THEY SUPPORT THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY MAJOR BELTRAN, BUT ON THE CONTRARY DEPOSED HIS ORDERS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MILITARY HIERARCHY. THEIR ACTIONS CAN BE EXPLAINED BY THE DAMAGING EFFECTS AND THE DYNAMIC OF THIS WAR AND IN THE DIFFICULT BALANCE BETWEEN SUBORDINATION TO COMMAND AND CARRYING OUT ILLEGAL ORDERS.

THE ACTS CARRIED OUT CONSTITUTE A GRAVE VIOLATION OF THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURE WHICH REGULATES THE ARRESTS MADE BY PERSONNEL OF THE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

-THE COMMANDER OF THE 5TH BRIGADE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE AT ANY TIME OF THE REALITY OF THE EVENTS UNTIL HIS INTERVIEW BY THIS COMMISSION.

THESE KINDS OF ACTIONS, WHICH BY THEIR NATURE ARE ISOLATED TO AND ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PERSONS WHO CARRIED THEN OUT, ARE UNJUSTIFIABLY PREJUDICIAL TO THE INSTITUTION AS A WHOLE AND AFFECT THE ACHIEVEMENTS HADE BY THE MILITARY IN RECENT YEARS IN THE AREAS OF PROFESSIONALISM AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY DO, HOMEVER, INDICATE THE NEED FOR A REVIEW OF MILITARY POLICY IN THESE MATTERS IN ORDER TO RENEW EFFORTS AND TO REACH THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVELS (OF PROFESSIONALISM AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS).



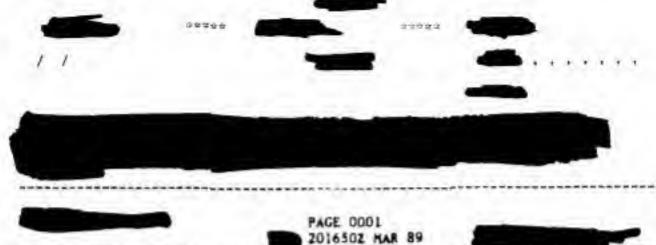
C. RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT THE PERSONS INDICATED HEREIN BE PUT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE COMPETENT TRIBUNALS SO THAT RESPONSIBILITY (AN BE ESTABLISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE LAW.

THAT IN THE PERIODICAL REVIEW OF THE INSTITUTIONAL POLICY REGARDING PROFESSIONALISM AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, NEW CONCRETE MEASURES, THE STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION OF WHICH ARE REYOND THE PURVIEW OF THIS COMMISSION, BE EVALUATED AND ESTABLISHED PROMPTLY.

THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE 5TH BRIGADE BE IMMEDIATELY RESTORED TO HIS COMMAND AND THE PERSONNEL NOT MENTIONED ABOVE BE RETURNED TO THEIR MILITARY DUTIES ONCE THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THE JUDICIAL DUTIES WHICH REQUIRE THEIR PRESENCE.







SUBJECT: STATUS OF ARISTIDES ALFONSO KAROUEZ MEMBER OF 1983 DEATH SQUAD

> 1. ACTION REQUESTED: NONE, FYI. THITE LEAT

REQUESTED TRACES ON ARISTIDES ALFONSO ((MARQUEZ))

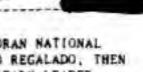
TRACES ON MARQUEZ WERE FORWARDED TO ON 14 NOVEMBER 1987, AND RECENTLY UPDATED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL 1983 INFORMATION HISSING FRON MARQUEZ' FILE WHEN THE 1987 TRACES WERE DONE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED TO DIS REPEATED BELOW, FYI.

A. BEGIN QUOTE. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION DATED DECEMBER ONE LT. COL. ARISTIDES MARQUEZ, WHO IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, WAS HEAD OF THE RIGHTWING DEATH SQUAD IN THE NATIONAL POLICE, WHICH HAD ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS, INCLUDING THE MARCH 1981 HURDER OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO.

A RICHTIST DEATH SQUAD HAD EXISTED WITHIN THE NATIONAL POLICE SINCE DECEMBER 1979, A)D HAD ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS. THE SQUAD MAINTAINED A CLANDESTINE PRISON IN THE CITY F LA LIBERTAD, EL SALVADOR. THE PRISON WAS USED FOR DETENTION, INTERROGATION, AND EXECUTION OF SUSPECTED LEFTISTS AND LEFTIST SYMPATHIZERS. THE GROUP WAS HEADED BY LT. COL. ARISTIDES MARQUEZ, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, WHO WAS CHIEF OF THE INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLICE.

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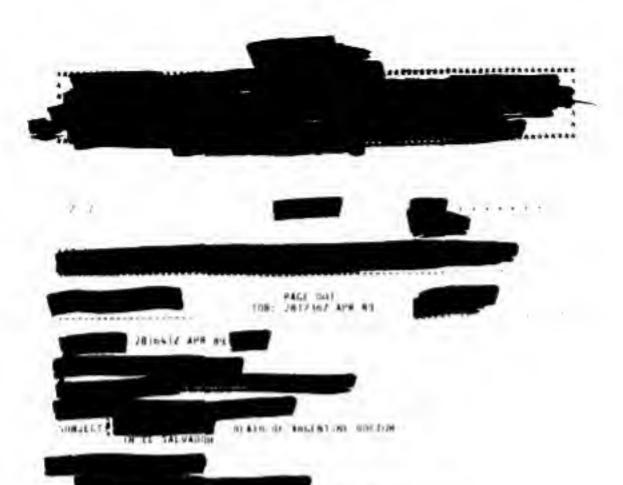
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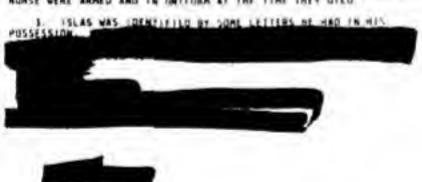
1983 MARQUEZ WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE SALVADORAN NATIONAL POLICE. HE WAS VERY CLOSE TO DR. HECTOR ANTONIO REGALADO, THEN NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARAMILITARY LEADER. SOURCE BELIEVED MARQUEZ SUPPLIED FALSE LICENSE PLATES, CARS AND MEN FOR REGALADO'S USE. SOURCE DESCRIBED HARQUEZ AS A VERY MEAN PERSON WHO SHOULD BE FEARED.

D. SOMETIME AFTER JOSE N. DUARTE FUENTES INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR, MARQUEZ WAS ASSIGNED TO PANAMA CITY AS MILITARY ATTACHE. THIS ASSIGNMENT OUTSIDE OF SALVADOR WAS PROBABLY DUE TO MARQUEZ' ALLEDGED INVOLVEMENT () DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES. COL. MARQUEZ WAS ACCREDITED AS SALVADORAN DEFENSE ATTACHE TO CHILE IN FEBRUARY 1988. HE HAS DOWNGRADED FROM A COLONEL TO A CAPTAIN ASSIGNED AS LIAISON OFFICER TO THE CHILEAN ARMY -- A MOVE ATTRIBUTED TO "NEEDS OF THE SERVICE". WHILE ASSIGNED TO CHILE HE REPORTEDLY WAS MARRIED TO ANA ELISA HIRELERMANN DE MARQUEZ, DOS 1 OCTOBER, YEAR UNKNOWN. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS REFLECTED IN OUR FILES. E)D OF QUOTE.





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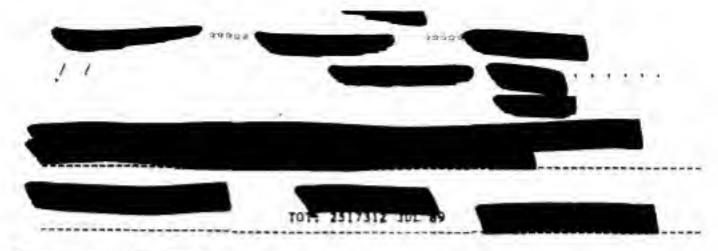
1. ACTION REQUESTED: NONE, FYL.

2. BEPORTED SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE OF SAN SALVAINIR MAYOR, CARLOS ALFONSO ((FIGUEROA)) HORALES ON 24 JUNE 1989, SINCE ARMANDO ((CALDERON)) SOL IS THE SAN SALVADOR MAYOR, HOS BELLEVES FIGUEROA MORALES IS AN EMPLOYEE WITHIN THE SAN SALVAIN'S MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT. THE FOLLOWING ARE TRACES ON FIGUEROA HORALES, DOB 12 APRIL 1952:



CAPTAIN CARLOS ALFONSO ((MORALES)) FIGUEROA (NOTE REVERSAL OF NAMES), AN EX COMPANY COMMANDER OF MILITARY DETACHMENT SIX AT SUNSONATE, IMPLIFATED IN LAS HOTAS MASSACRE OF PEASANTS WAS ARRESTED AND UNDER DETENTION IN THE GENERAL STAFF. THE ARREST AND DETENTION WERE ILLEGAL DUE TO ARRESTING OFFICERS' FAILURE TO GIVE HIM FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE PURPOSE OF ARREST. SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED AN AUTHENTIC HERO BECAUSE HE HAS AT LEAST FIVE BATTLE WOUNDS. IS A DECORATED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED FIGHTING OFFICER.

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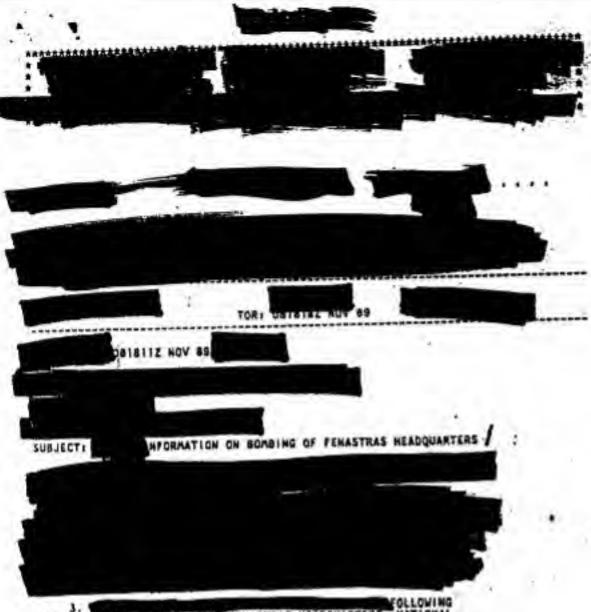


APPEARANCE BY FORMER PRESIDENT DUARTE DENGUNCING THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT CRISTIANI

1. ON MORNING OF 25 JULY 1989 HAS ADVISED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SOURCING, THAT FORMER PRESIDENT DUARTE MAY APPEAR ON CHANNEL 55, EVENING OF 25 JULY, TO DENOUNCE GOVERNMENT OF CRISTIANI, THE ARENA PARTY, AND NAMING THE KILLER AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE 1980 MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO.

2. SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN CRISTIANI ON SPANISH U.S. CHANNEL "UNIVISION" EVENING OF 24 JULY, AND THAT DUARTE REITERATED SAME INFORMATION HE HAD MADE PUBLIC EARLIER IN EL SALVADOR: THAT ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WAS THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR OF THE ROMERO ASSASSINATION, THAT THE WEAPON WAS FIRED BY ((REGALADO)), AND THAT ((SARAVIA)) HEADED THE ASSASSINATION OPERATION (PROBABLY HECTOR ANTONIO ((REGALADO)) HERRERA AND CAPTAIN ALVARO ((SARAVIA))).





THE 31 OCTOBER EXPLOSION AT FEMASTRAS HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL POLICE HOME SQUAD TECHNICIANS CONDUCTED A PERIPHERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE BLAST.

DOMMENT: FEMASTRAS REPRESENTATIVES DENIED ENTRY TO A TEAM OF DETECTIVES FROM THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT AND TO A TEAM FROM THE NATIONAL POLICE INVESTIGATION BATTALION.) THE BOME SQUAD COSSERVED THAT THE BOME DETONATED ON THE CEMENT PASSAGEMAY LOCATED BETWEEN THE MAIN ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY, AND THE OUTER MASONRY WALL OF THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THE BOME SQUAD ESTIMATED THE CRATER CAUSED BY THE EXPLOSION TO BE SO CENTIMETERS IN DIAMETER AND 30 CENTIMETERS DEEP. THE BLAST EXPANSION WAVE CAUSED INTERIOR DAMAGE TO THE TWO-STORY BUILDING AND TO THE BUILDING'S ROOF. 32

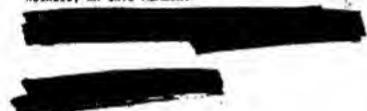
4. THE BLAST MURLED DEBRIS FROM THE DUTER MASONRY WALL AWAY FROM THE BUILDING AND INTO THE STREET. THE STEEL SLIDING ORIVEWAY GATE WAS ALSO MURLED APPROXIMATELY SIX METERS ACROSS THE STREET. IN ADDITION, THE BLAST THREW A PICK-UP TRUCK, WHICH HAD BEEN PARKED IN FRONT OF FENASTRAS. TWO METERS ACROSS THE STREET. THE BLAST ALSO CAUSED DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE FENASTRAS MEADQUARTERS. BASED ON THE EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGES AND THE SIZE OF THE CRATER, THE BOAD SQUAD TECHNICIANS DEDUCED THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY A BOMB COMPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES, PROBABLY TOT.

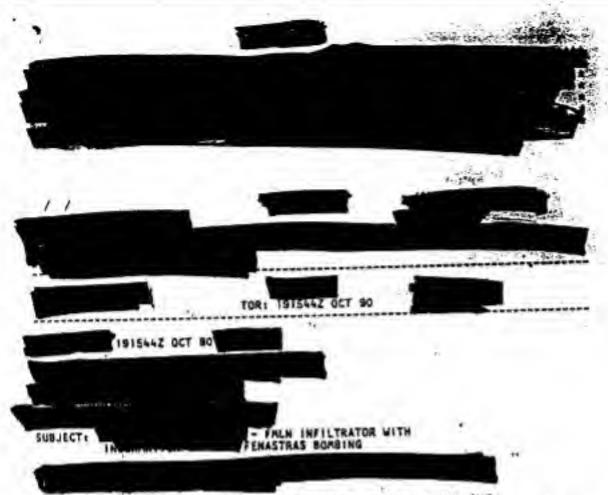
5. THE BONS SQUAD ALSO INTERVIEWED A STREET VENDOR, VICTOR MANUEL ((RAMIREZ)), WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN TWO MALES APPROACH THE STEEL GATE TO THE FENASTRAS DRIVEWAY PRIOR TO THE EXPLOSION. ACCORDING TO RAMIREZ, THE GATE WAS PARTIALLY OPENED. THE FIRST MALE REMAINED OUTSIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY AND THE SECOND MALE, WHO WAS CARRYING A CLOTH BAG, BENT DOWN AND DEPOSITED THE BAG INSIDE THE GATE ON THE DRIVEWAY. RAMIREZ CLAIMED THAT SOON THEREAFTER HE SAW A SMALL PUFF OF SHOKE WHERE THE SECOND MALE. WAS STANDING. ACCORDING TO RAMIREZ, THE MEN THEN FLED THE AREA.

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HE CLAIMED THAT ONE OF THE MEN ALERTED PASSERSBY THAT A BOMB WAS SET TO GO OFF. COMMENT: BOMB SQUAD TECHNICIANS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION FROM RAMIREZ, BUT THEY HAVE HOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE HIM. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL POLICE, OTHER PEOPLE AT THE SCENE OF THE BLAST HAVE ALSO HEARD THIS STORY ABOUT THE TWO MEN.)

5. AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBING, NINE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND OVER 50 WOUNDED. THOSE KILLED WERE JOSE DANIEL ((LOPEZ)) MELENDEZ, THE FEMASTRAS SECRETARY OF CONFLICTS: VICENTE SALVADOR (MELGAR)), AN ANDA WORKERS UNION (SETA) MEMBER: ROSA HILDA ((SARAVIA)) DE ELIAS, A FENASTRAS MEMBER: JULIA TATIANA (MENDOZA)) AGUIRRE, A FENASTRAS MEMBER: LUIS-EDGARDO ((VASQUEZ)) MARQUEZ, A FENASTRAS MEMBER: FEBE ELIZABETH ((VELASQUEZ)) RAMIREZ, THE FENASTRAS SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND AMUNTS AND APTRICIA ((CHACON)). A 13-YEAR-OLD: CARAEN CATALINA ((CHERNANDEZ)) RAMOS, AM UNTS MEMBER: AND JUAN MANUEL ((TEJADA)) ROSALES, AM UNTS MEMBER.





- RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED HUMAN SOURCE INFORMATION THAT THE IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION (BIRI) "BELLOSO" HAD 26 FMLM INFILTRATORS WITHIN ITS RANKS. THE SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS. THE GN SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO BIRI BELLOSO.
- J. ON 15 OCTOBER 1890, WHILE ON DPERATIONS IN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT, A BIRI BELLOSO SOLDIER, SAUL ERMESTO ((ARIAS)) FERRUSINO, WAS REPORTED MISSING BY HIS UNIT. HE WAS CAPTURED TWO HOURS LATER BY ANOTHER BIRI BELLOSO UNIT. AFTER FIRST CLAIMING HE HAD MERELY BEEN LOST, ARIAS LATER ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO DESERT.
- 4. BECAUSE OF THE GN REPORT. THE BIRI BELLOSO COMMANDER DECIDED TO SEND ARIAS TO THE GN FOR LIVESTIGATION/INTERROGATION. DURING QUESTIONING BY THE GN, ARIAS MAINTAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN HISTREATED BY HIS SERGEANT. THE GN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (D-2) ORDERED A POLYGRAPH FOR ARIAS RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE INSURGENTS. ARIAS FAILED THIS POLYGRAPH.
- S. WHILE THE POLYGRAPHER WHO ADMINISTERED THE TEST LEFT THE ROOM TO WRITE UP THE REPORT. THE OTHER POLYGRAPHER ENTERED THE ROOM AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF A "HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION" AND ADVISED ARIAS TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH. ARIAS THEN ADMITTED THAT HE JUTHED THE HATIONAL FEDERATION OF SALVADORAN TRADE UNIONS (FENASTRAS) IN JANUARY 1989 AND LATER BECAME AFFILIATED WITH THE PRIC. HE SAID THAT IN APRIL 1990 TWO INSURGENTS ("CARLOS" AND "WALTER") GAVE HIM THE MISSION OF INFILTRATING THE BIRI BELLOSO, FOR WHICH THEY WOULD PAY HIM 1,300 COLONES A MONTH.
- INTERROGATORS. HE THEN CONFESSED THE FOLLOWING:

PRTC MEMBERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR, "JORGE," "ANA,"
"WALTER," "CARLOS," "SILVIA," AND "ROSA," HE WENT TO FENASTRAS HOS.
WHERE CARLOS AND ROSA ENTERED AND PLACED A BOND IN-THE HOS WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE GROUP PROVIDED "SECURITY" OUTSIDE. CARLOS
WAS CARRYING A BLACK BRIEFCASE OR SMALL SUITCASE, IN WHICH THE BOND
WAS CONCEALED. IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLACING THE BOND, THEY WENT TO
THE UNIVERSITY. ARIAS STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW FOR WHAT REASONS THE
BOMB WAS PLACED AT FENASTRAS, NOR WHO ORDERED IT.

7. THE GN SUBSEQUENTLY ADMINISTERED A SECOND POLYGRAPH WHICH SHOWED HO DECEPTION INDICATED RE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE VERACITY'S.



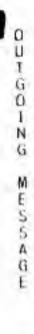
OF ARIAS' STATEMENTS THAT THE INSURGENTS PLACED THE BOMB. THERE WAS DECEPTION INDICATED TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ARIAS WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED (OTHER THAN PROVIDING SECURITY) IN THE BOMBING (HE ANSWERED NO).



OF THIS INFORMATION. HE INTENDS TO SUGGEST THAT THE CASE BE TURNED OVER TO THE QUES, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT (SIU). THE LEGAL ATTACHE NOTED THAT AN FBI POLYGRAPH TEAM WILL VISIT SAN SALVADOR IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND COULD POSSIBLY BE USED IN THIS CASE.



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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DN ASSASSINATION

ELLACURIA.

INFORMATION ON REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF

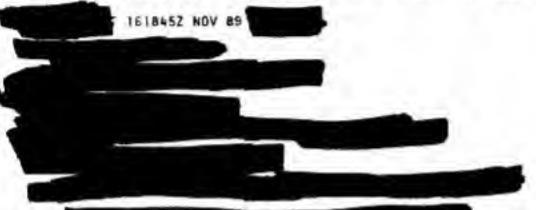
- 2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT RECTOR OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, DR. IGNACIO ELLACURIA, WAS ASSASSINATED ALONG WITH DTHER PRIESTS. BECAUSE OF HIGH LEVEL INTEREST, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE STATION MIGHT HAVE ON THIS.
- J. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PERPETRATORS WORE POLICE UNIFORMS A GROUP OF INSURGENTS HAD 25 NATIONAL POLICE UNIFORMS TO WEAR OURING SOME OF THEIR OPERATIONS. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL.

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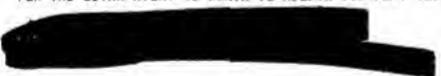






NINE OTHER UCA OFFICIALS APPARENTLY STAYING WITH HIM WERE SHOT AND KILLED DURING THE NIGHT OF 16-17 NOVEMBER BY UNKNOWN PARTIES. HIS HOUSE WAS RANSACKED."

INFLUENCE IN THE PARTY SINCE THE ELECTION OF CRISTIANI, AND IT WOULD REQUIRE A MAJOR REVERSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FORTUNES FOR THE ULTRA RIGHT TO BEGIN TO REGAIN ITS PAST INFLUENCE."



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TERTI A U.S. EMBASSY ARMONED VEHICLE TRAVELING ON THE HOAD FROM ILOPANGO AIR BASE INTO SAN SALVADOR WAS STRUCK BY A RIFLE ROUND WHILE PASSING NEAR THE SOTAPANGO AREA. THE U.S. EMBASSY OF LICES PLOCKE IN THE CAR AND THE CAR'S DRIVEN WERE UNHARMED.

I. AT DOSG HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 16 HOVEMBER. THE UNIVERSITY
OF CENTRAL AMERICA (UCA) RECTOR, (GNACIG ((CLEACURIA)), UCA
VICE RECTOR (GNACIO ((MARTIN-BARG))) AND FOUR OTHER PRIESTS
WERE RILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECTS AT ELLACURIA'S RESIDENCE
NEAR THE UCA CAMPUS. THE COOK AND DAUGHTER WERE ALSO KILLED.
THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAS GAINED ACCESS
TO THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS AND IS REPORTING ELLACURIA'S DEATH.
THE SALVADORAN SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT (SIU) IS INVESTIGATING
THE CASE.

OFFICIALS HAVE BLAMED THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION
FRONT FOR ELLACURIA'S KILLING. FURTHER DETAILS VILL BE RESORTED
SUBSEMIENTLY AS THEY ACCOUNT AND LIBERAL VILLAGIE.)

3. THE FALN TOOK OVER THE NATIONAL POLICE DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS IN CUSCATANCINGO DURING THE NIGHT OF 15 - 16 NOVEMBER! HOWEVER, AS OF TOTS LOCAL TIME ON THE HOVEMBER, THE POLICE HAD REGAINED CONTINUOUS OF THE BUILDING, THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS GUNFIRE IN THE AREA OF THE NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS

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AND THE EREASORY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN TAN SALVADOR. ALPANATIVE, THE FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE HAS POSSYCHARD FROM TOURS HOMELETED NORTH OF THE FIRST BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS. TO SUPPORT LAST STATES.

A. DURING FIGHTING IN TUTATANGE OR THE ATTEMBER OF THE HOVERSER, ALR FORCE (LIMENT), MILITURE LIGHT MOUNTED AND CONFIRMED GO ANSURGENTY MILITURE ALREADY DESIGNATION OF THE MICH MILITURE AND THE MICH MILITURE AND THE MILITURE AND THE MILITURE AND THE LIGHT MILITURE AND THE ATTEMPT OF THE MILITURE AND THE MILITURE AND THE MILITURE AND A CHARLES OF THE BELLOSO FAMEDIATE REACTION FOR THE MILITURE AND THE MILITURE A

ALLOW THE RED CROSS AND DEFINE HUMAN LABOR DECARLIZATIONS TO EVACUATE HOUNDED FROM THE TENENTIALISM ON ANIA'S COUNTY OF THE INDECATION THAT A TRULE WITH MY TAILED.

G. SALVADORAN PHESIDENT ALTREDO (CCRISTIANIS) HAS AGAIN CONDENNED CUBAN AND RICARAGUAN CONTINUES SUPPORT TO THE FRANK. CRISTIANIS CLASSIFIED THE FRANK ATTACAS AS ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST DEFENSELESS PEOPLE AND STATED THAT IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN SUPPORT SUCH ACTS. HE HAS AGAIN CALLED UPON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION TO HEMAIN CALL AND TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT. ALSO, COSTA RICAM PRESIDENT OSCAR (LAMIAS) HAS COMPLANED THE FRANK OFFENSIVE AND IS DRIVEN TO THE TOTAL OFFENSIVE AND IS DRIVEN THE FRANK TO GO TO CARROLS ON 20 MUVENHIM AND TO MESUME THE RESOLITATION PROCESS BEGUN IN SEPTEMBER.

OF INSURGENTS MERE IN A GUELT IN COLONIA LAS MAGNOLIAS IN THE AVUITURTEPEQUE/CUSCATANCINGO AND AND WONE US) MY THE GULLY AS A STAGING ANEA. THEY APPLARED TO BE ABLE TO COME AND GO FROM (HIS AREA AT WILL, THERE WAS NO LUMBAT IN THE AREA. THE INSURCENTS APPLARED TO BE IN CONTROL OF CIUDAD GELGADO AS DE LATE IS NOVEMBER. THE INSURCENTS SEERED TO BE ENTIRING AND LIAVING CIUDAD DELGADO AT WILL, ALSO, A MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN GHERN CNOSS STATED THAT THE INSURCENTS

APPEARED TO BE IN COMERCE IN APOPA, NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR, AS OF LATE IS NOVEMBER. INSUNGENTS IN APOPA WERE MOUNTING REGULAR FOOT PATROLS IN THE LOWN.

SEER TO CORROBORATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION THAT THE INSURGENTS ARE IN CONTROL OF APOPA.)

REPORTING THAT PROGRESS AGAINST THE INSURGENTS IN MEJICANDS ARE
REPORTING THAT PROGRESS AGAINST THE INSURGENTS IS SLOW.

CIVILIANS IN MEJICANDS AND OTHER MORTHERN SAN SALVADOR SIMURAS
ARE TRYING TO LEAVE THE AREAS; HOWEVER, THE INSURGENTS ARE NOT
ALLOWING THEM TO LEAVE. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR,
ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST BRIGADE FOUND A CAR FILLED WITH MOLOTON
COCKTAILS. THE CAR LOOKED LIKE A PRESS CAR.

THE CAR MAD THE LETTERS "T.V." IN ITS WINDOW. MOST
PRESS ELEMENTS IN EL SALVADOR PUT THE LETTERS "T.V." IN THEIR
CAR WINDOWS TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT
AND THE INSURGENTS

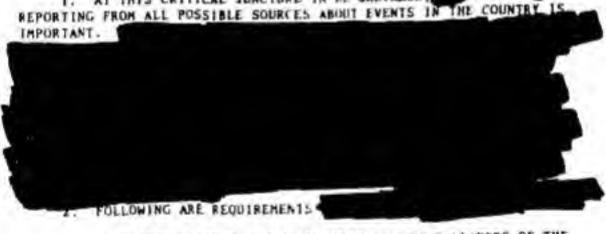
"JOAQUIN VILLALOROS" SPOKE DURING A "RADIO VENCERENDS" BHOADCAST
AND URGED THE INSURGENTS TO CONTINUE FIGHTING.







REPORTING FROM ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES ABOUT EVENTS IN THE COUNTRY IS IMPORTANT. 1



A. INTELLIGENCE REPORTING INDICATES THAT LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FDR) OPPOSILI THE RECENT FHLM OFFENSIVE. IS THIS INFORMATION ALCUBAIL?

B HAVE FOR LEADER GUILLERNU UNGO AND OTHER FOR OFFICIALS TAKEN REFUGE IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN SAN SALVADOR, AS SOME REPORTING INDICATES? WHAT IS THEIR HOTIVATION FOR DOING SO?

C. WERE FOR LEADERS PRIVY IN STRATIGIC OR TACTICAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE OFFENSIVE? BEFORTING GENERALLY HAS INDICATED THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE PROBABLY SOME IN THE FMLN LEADERSHIP WHO



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RELIEVED THAT THE OFFENE IVE WOULD SPARK THE LONG-DISCUSSION GENERAL INSURPRECTION, THE GOALS OF THE FHEN ARE LIST AND THOUSAND ALMOST EQUALLY IMPORTANT. REPORTING SUGGESTS THAT THE FRENCH HANTS TO SHOW INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS, ESPECIALLY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, IT CONTINUES TO BE A FORCE TO BE RECEONED WITH, AND TO PORTRAY THE GOVERNMENT OF E. SALVADOR (LODES) AND THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) AS REPRESSIVE AND IN THE MURST POSSIBLE LIGHT. THEN I LADERS ALSO WANT TO AGGRAVATE TENSIONS WITHIN THE GOES AND IN THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HILITARY AND THE U.S. THEY ALSO DESIRE. CONCESSIONS FROM THE GOES IN THE DIALOGUE PROFESS, (UNCLESSIONS THEY PERCEIVED AS NOT FORTHCOMING.

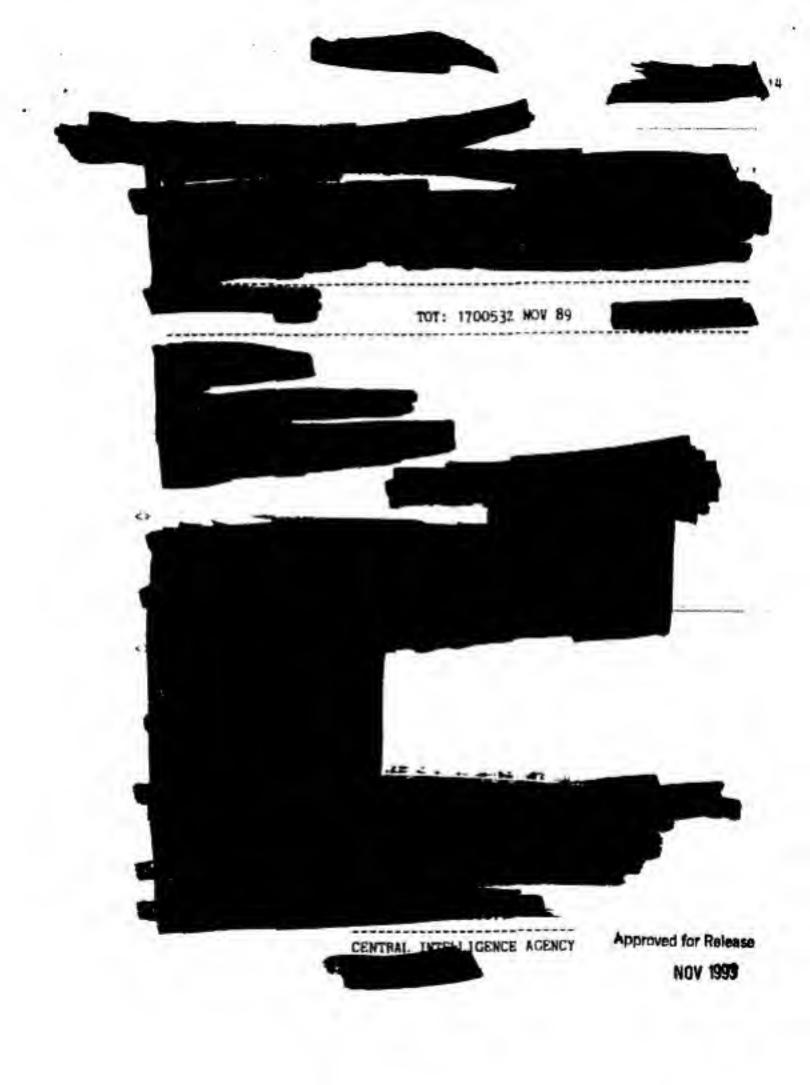
D. THE MURDER OF SIX JESUITS AND TWO LAY PROPER AT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (DCA), INCLUDING THE RECTOR AND VICE RECTOR, IS FROST PAGE NEWS HERE.

SOME REPORTING SUGGESTS THAT THE DEED COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BY FILE ASSASSIAS, DISCOUSED AS SALVADORAN SECURITY OF HILITARY PERSONNEL. PAST REPORTING ALSO HAS INDICATED THE FILE PLANNED TO MURDER MEMBERS OF THE SALVADORAN LEFT WHICH THEY BELIEVED EXPENDABLE IN ORDER TO FURTHER PORTRAY THE GOES AND ESAF AS ABBSERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

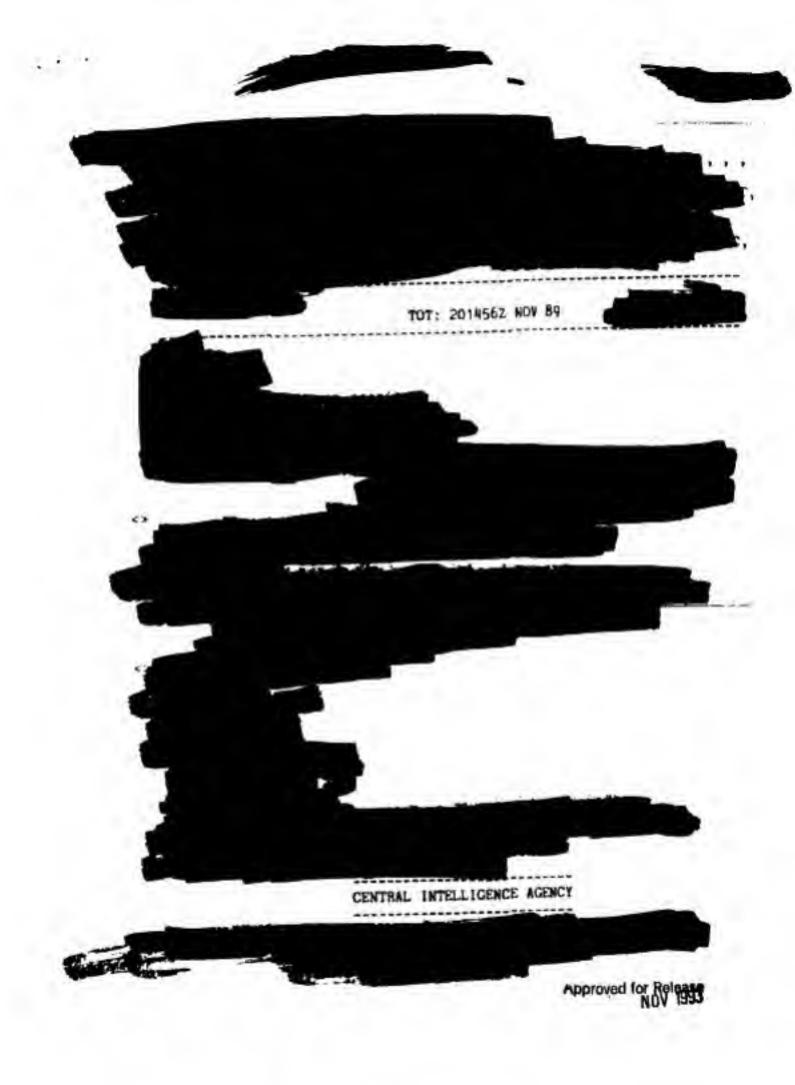
E, HOW WILL THE CURRENT SITUATION AFFECT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FOR AND FMLN? PAST REPORTING HAS SHOWN THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY STRAINED. WILL THE OFFENSIVE FURTHER STRAIN THE RELATIONSHIP, OR WILL EVENTS, SUCH AS THE UCA MURDERS, AGAIN MOVE THEM CLOSER?

SUPPORT FOR THE FALM, DESPITE SANDINISTA COMMENTS THAT THEIR SUPPORT





CONTRACTOR 1959 COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR SUBJ; HOVEMENT OF 1,000 FRESH FHILM TROOPS TO SAN SALVADOR; PLANNED ROLE OF ELLACURIA IN EFFECTING NEW NECOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FILM AND THE COVERNMENT 16 MOVEMBER 1080 DOI: THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O SAID THAT IN THE WAKE OF THE ASSASSINATION THAT DAY OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA RECTOR IGNACIO ((ELLACURIA)), THE MILITARY COMMAND OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FIG.N) HAS DECIDED TO SEND 1,000 FRESH TROOPS INTO THE CITY. THE TROOPS ARE FROM THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL), AND HAVE BEEN WAITING IN TWO GROUPS IN NEJAPA AND APOPA TO COVER THE EXPECTED RETREAT OF FMLN FORCES FROM THE CITY. 2. WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ELLACURIM THE "SCHEME OF BATTLE" FOR THE OFFENSIVE HAS CHANGED AND THE FMLN LEADERSHIP THINKS THE COMBAT CAN BE PROLONGED UNTIL ABOUT 22 NOVEMBER WITH THE FRESH TROOPS, THREE FMLN COLLEAGUES ASKED ELLACURIA ON 13 NOVEMBER TO HELP EFFECT NEW CONTACTS BETVEEN THE FALM AND SALVADORAN COVERNMENT TO DISCUSS PEACE THE FILM HAD COMPLIED A LIST OF NEGOTIATIONS. . FIVE "FRIENDS" WHO WOULD SPEAK FOR THE FRONT, AND THAT ELLACURIA HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICIALS TO COMPILE A SIMILAR LIST OF MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WOULD TALK WITH THE FILM REPRESENTATIVES. THE BASIC DEMAND OF THE FMLN IN SUCH TALKS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE REMOVAL OF "TANDONA" MEMBERS FROM HILITARY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. ELLACURIA APPROVED THE IDEA OF THE NECOTIATIONS, AND HAD REPORTED TO THE FILM MEMBERS ON 15 NOVEMBER THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS SEEMED TO BE GOING WELL. WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ELLACURIA AND THE OTHER PRIESTS, THE INTERNATIONAL AND INTERNAL OUTLOOK HAS CHANGED: HE PREDICTED THE UNITED STATES WOULD BRING PRESSURE ON THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE THE MILITARY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILITARY'S "POOR SHOWING" DURING THE OFFENSIVE, AND OTHER "CRIMES," INCLUDING THE MURDER OF ELLACURIA. THE FPL HAS CONTROLLED NEJAPA AND APOPA CANNOT CONFIRM THE NUMBERS OF SINCE THE OFFENSIVE BEGAN. FPL COMBATANTS IN THAT AREA



DIST:

20 NOVEMBER 1989

COUNTRY:

EL SALVADOR

SUBJ:

TEMPORARY FIC.N HALT TO OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITY TO ALLOW BAENA SOARES TO ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT CEASE-FIRE

NEGOTIATION

TOT:

19 NOVEMBER 1989

TEXT: 1. ON 19 NOVEMBER 1987

NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) HAS ORDERED A STANDDOWN FROM MILITARY ACTIVITY TO GIVE MARIO ((BAENA)) SOARES, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN STATES (OAS), THE OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE AN END TO THE FIGHTING DURING HIS IMPENDING VISIT TO SAN SALVADOR.

- PCES GENERAL SECRETARY JORGE SHAFIK ((HANDAL)) TOLD HIM THAT FMLN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SPOKEN WITH BAENA SOARES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND PROMISED HIM THE FMLN TROOPS WILL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITY WHILE BAENA SOARES TRIES TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE AND SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FMLN. HANDAL SAID THE FMLN WANTS BAENA SOARES TO TALK TO PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) AND THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR DURING HIS STAY IN SAN SALVADOR. (FIELD CONNENT: BAENA SOARES IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SAN SALVADOR ON 20 NOVEMBER, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTING.)
- THE FILM LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO HAVE ONE NON-NEGOTIABLE DEMAND: THE REMOVAL FROM THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES OF MEMBERS OF THE "TANDONA" WHO HOLD MOST SENIOR ESAF POSITIONS. THE FILM BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY PERSON CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE FILM IS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR.

 TWO REASONS WHY SHAFIK HANDAL AND THE OTHER FILM LEADERS BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. WILL FINALLY ACCEDE TO THE REMOVAL OF THE TANDONA:
- A. THE U.S. PRESIDENT HAS STEADFASTLY SUPPORTED SALVADORAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BUT HAS ABSTAINED FROM GIVING SIMILAR SUPPORT TO THE SALVADORAN MILITARY.
- B. THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS ALREADY TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADON, WHICH HAS BEEN A HELP TO THE FILM AND WHICH THE FILM WILL USE IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS TO DENIGRATE THE TANDONA.
- THE FMLN HAS CHANGED ITS VIEW OF THE ROLE
 OF THE U.S. THE
 FMLN HAD LOOKED UPON IGNACIO ((FILLACURIA)), THE RECTOR OF THE
 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA-JOSE SIMEON CANAS (UCA) WHO WAS
 ASSASSINATED ON 16 NOVEMBER, AS THE ONLY PERSON WORTHY OF THE FMLN'S
 TRUST WHO WAS CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FMLN AND
 THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT.
 THE U.S.
 AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR WAS CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING SUCH AN AGREEMENT,
 BUT THAT THE FMLN DID NOT CONSIDER HIM TRUSTWORTHY.)
- 5. SHAFIX HANDAL TOLD THE SENIOR PCES MEMBER THAT WHILE BAENA SOARES IS THE KEY IN ACHIEVING CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATIONS, THE FILM IS ALSO USING ITS POLITICAL ALLIES AND OTHERS TO THY AND EFFECT A SETTLEMENT. GUILLERHO ((UNGO)), LEADER OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY

HOVEMENT (MNE), AND HIS DEPUTY HECTOR ((OQUELI)) HAVE BEEN TOLD TO LOBBY WITH THEIR SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) CONTACTS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) TO CREATE MORE PRESSURE FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE TANDONA AS PART OF A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE FILM AND THE GOVERNMENT.

6. FURTHER, THE FMLN IS SENDING MARIO ((LUNCO)), A PCES MEMBER, TO CARACAS TO IMPRESS UPON VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES ((PEREZ)) THE IMPORTANCE OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. (SOURCE COMMENT: LUNGO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO CARACAS BY RAFAEL ((MENJIVAR)), A POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL) MEMBER.)

7. THE SENIOR PCES MEMBER QUOTED SHAFIK HANDAL AS CONCLUDING THAT THE POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN COMBAT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT UNLESS AN ACCEPTABLE CEASE-FIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE TANDONA APPEAR LIKELY IN "THE NEXT FEW DAYS" AFTER 19 NOVEMBER, THE FMLN WILL RESUME MILITARY ACTIVITY.

CAID THAT THE FMLN LEADERSHIP BELIEVES THAT IF THE TANDONA STAYS IN POWER AFTER THE OFFENSIVE, THE LEGAL AND ILLEGAL LEFT--THE UNIONS, THE DEMOCRATIC CONVERGENCE, AND FMLN MEMBERS--WILL BE DEPRIVED OF FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES AND UNABLE TO FUNCTION.

SAID THE FILM HAS 1,000 FRESH TROOPS
FROM THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL) IN THE VICINITY OF NORTHERN
MEJICANOS, AND THAT FORWARD ELEMENTS OF THIS GHOUP VENTURED AS FAR
SOUTH AS THE NORTHERN LIMITS OF SAN SALVADOR DUBING THE NIGHT OF 18

NOVEMBER, EXCHANGING FIRE WITH SALVADORAN SOLDIERS.

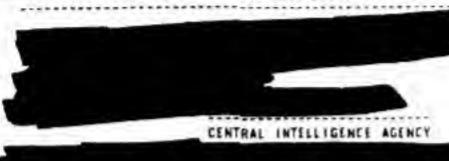
ANY DEHAND FOR THE DISHISSAL OF OFFICERS FROM THE "TANDONA," THE SALVADORAN MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 1966. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ON THE MAGNITUDE OF THOSE CITED BY THE PCES MEMBER.)

10. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: 1 AM NOT TOTALLY SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE FMLN IS TRYING TO SAY ABOUT HE. I HIGHT FIND OUT IF BAENA-SOARES FOLLOWS THROUGH ON THE FMLN'S SUGGESTION THAT HE SPEAK TO ME





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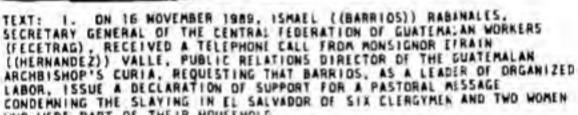
COUNTRY: GUATEMALA/EL SALVADOR

SUBJ:

REQUEST BY THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF GUATEMA_A FOR SUPPORT BY ORGANIZED LABOR FOR A PASTORAL MISSAGE CONDEMNING THE SLAYING OF CLERGYMEN IN EL SALVADOR

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WHO WERE PART OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD.

HERNANDEZ TOLD BARRIOS THAT GUATEMALAN ARCHEISHOP PROSPERO ((PENADOS)) DEL BARRIO HAD CALLEL AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN BISHOPS AND HAD ASKED HERNANDEZ TO COLLECT EXPRESSIONS OF BACKING FOR A CONDEMNATION OF THE DEED FROM ALL GUATEMALAN SECTORS PRIOR TO THE BISHOPS' GATHERING. TO ADD MORAL WEIGHT AND HELP EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT PASTORAL MESSAGE CONSEMNING THESE AND ALL OTHER KILLINGS CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST OUTBURST OF VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR AND URGING ALL PARTIES INVOLVED TO IMMEDIATELY RESUME NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CRISIS.

3. HERNANDEZ ALSO TOLD BARRIOS THAT PENADOS HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONTACT FIRST OF ALL THE POPULAR SECTORS SUCH AS THE LABOR HOVEMENT AND LEADERS OF THE UNITED LABOR AND POPULAR ASSOCIATIONS (UASP) UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, SINCE THE SLAIN CLERICS HAD GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR THE POOR OF EL SALVADOR AND CENTRAL AMERICA. HERNANDEZ. HOWEVER, ADDED THAT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WERE ALSO BEING ASKED FOR STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH PENADOS WAS DELIBERATELY EXCLUDING THY GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES FROM HIS RECUEST. TO AVOID A POLITIZATION OF THE BISHOPS' MESSAGE.

BARRIOS. IN TURN, AUTHORIZED HERNANDEZ TO CUDTE HIM AS SUPPORTING THE BISHOPS' CONDEMNATION OF THESE CRIMES. 45 THE FECETRAG SECRETARY GENERAL, AFTER HERMANCEZ ASSURED BARRIOS THAT THE CONDEMNATION WILL INCLUDE A STRONG DECLARATION OF SUFFORT FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN THE REGION AND REJECTION OF WHAT BARRIOS

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CHARACTERIZED AS TOTALITARIANISM, EXTRA-CONTINENTAL INTERFERENCE AND CLASS WARFARE. BARRIOS ALSO INFORMED HERNANDEZ THAT HE WILL CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FECETRAG LEADERSHIP TO PROPOSE A FORMAL RESOLUTION CONTAINING THESE POINTS, AND WILL URGE OTHER DEMOCRATIC LABOR LEADERS TO PRESS FOR SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS FROM THEIR ORGANIZATIONS.

PRIMARILY A PUBLIC RELATIONS FUNCTION.

QUOTED DCG OFFICIAL CABRERA AS SAYING "BARRIOS IS MY ONLY LABOR LEADER." PRIOR TO THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS. WE WERE TOLD THAT MSGR. QUESADA WAS MEETING WITH A GROUP OF BISHOPS FROM ALL OVER LATIN AMERICA. THE MEETING HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED, BUT IT WAS NOT CALLED AS A RESPONSE TO THE KILLINGS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, A CONDEMNATION OF THE KILLINGS IS LIKELY.)









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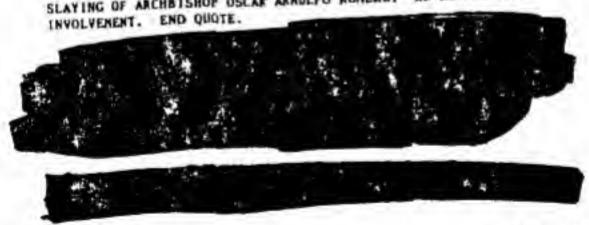
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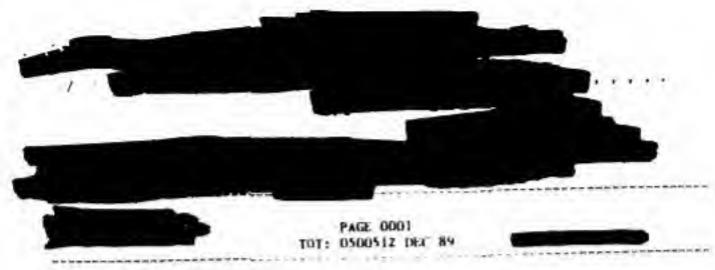
2. BEGIN QUOTE. NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE REPORTED THAT
RIGHT-WING POLITICAL LEADER ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON TOLD HIS
ADVISERS SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE ABOUT IGNACIO ELLACURIA THE
NIGHT BEFORE THE JESUIT PRIEST WAS SLAIN ALONG WITH FIVE OF HIS
COLLEAGUES NOVEMBER 16.

THE NEWSWEEK ARTICLE QUOTED U.S. OFFICIALS WHO SAW A CIA REPORT. ELLACURIA, EL SALVADOR'S LEADING LEFTIST INTELLECTUAL, AND THE FIVE OTHER JESUII PRIESTS WERE DRAGGED FROM A HOME AND SHOT TO DEATH. WITNESSES REPORTED SEEING HEM IN UNIFORM CARRY OUT THE ATTACK, WHICH OCCURED IN AN AREA UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

D'AUBUISSON, THE IDEDLOGICAL LEADER OF PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI'S RIGHT WING ARENA PARTY, HAS BEEN SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN RIGHT-WING DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY AND THE 1980 SLAYING OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO RUMERO, HE DENIES ANY



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SUBJECT: TEXT OF NEWSWEEK ARTICLE

THE ARTICLE, ONE OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) AND ANOTHER OF THREE OF THE DEAD JESUITS WITH A CROWD GATHERED AROUND THEM.

WAS D'AUBUISSON INVOLVED?

CITING A CIA REPORT, U.S. DFFICIALS TOLD NEWSWEEK LAST WEEK
THAT ON THE NIGHT BEFORE SIX JESUIT PREISTS WERE NURDERED IN EL
SALVADOR LAST MONTH, RICHTIST POLITICAL LEADER ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON
RAILED AGAINST SEVERAL OF THE VICTIMS TO HIS ADVISERS AND TOLD THEM
THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE ABOUT THE PRIESTS. ONE OF THE PRIESTS
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WAS FATHER IGNACIO
ELLACURIA, WHO WAS KILLED ALONG WITH SEVEN OTHERS. ASKED ABOUT
D'AUBUISSON'S REPORTED COMMENTS, CIA SPOKESMAN (AN OFFICER IN THE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE) REPLIED. "I CAN'T HELP YOU ON THAT."

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KILLINGS, SUSPICION FOCUSED ON THE SALVADORAN RIGHT. D'AUBUISSON HIMSELF IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN BOTH THE RIGHT-WING DEATH SQUADS OF THE EARLY 1980S AND THE 1980 ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO. HE DENIES THE CHARGES. EARLIER THIS YEAR VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE TRAVELED TO SAN SALVADOR AND WARNED D'AUBUISSON ABOUT HUMAN-RIGHTS ABUSES. STILL, D'AUBUISSON WAS PLACED BACK ON THE GUEST LIST AT THE U.S. EMBASSY THIS SUMMER.

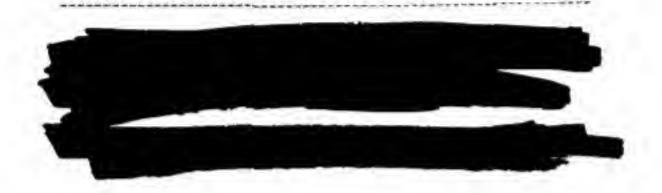
PROOF OF ANY D'AUBUISSON ROLE IN THE MURDERS COULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI, BECUASE D'AUBUISSON IS THE IDEOLOGICAL LEADER OF THE RULING ARENA

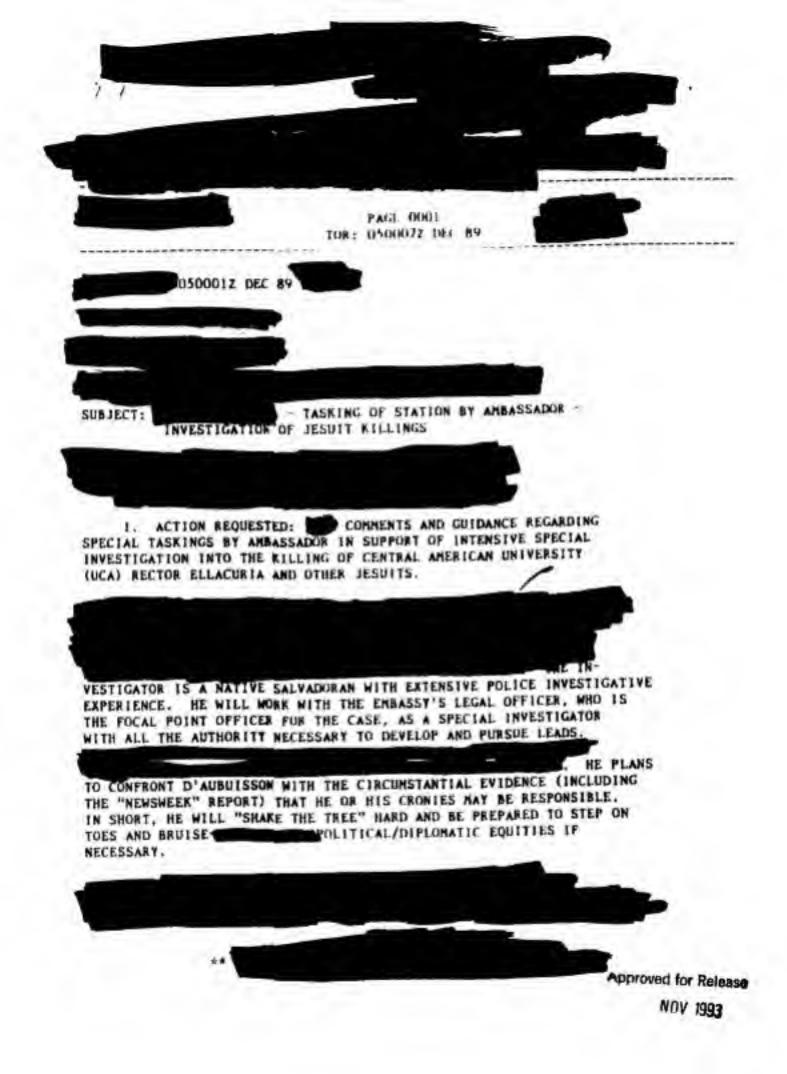




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PARTY. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, D'AUBUISSON'S ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT, IF PROVEN, COULD ENDANGER U.S. MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR. SAID A KEY U.S. SENATOR OF THE POSSIBLE D'AUBUISSON ROLE: "THE EXPLOSIVE EFFECT OF THIS CAN'T BE OVERESTIMATED."







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I. SUMMARY: ON A DECEMBER 1989 AN EMBASSY TASK FE-CE WAS ESTABLISHED TO ACT AS A COORDINATING BODY AND FOCAL POINT FOR A MISSION INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE MURDERS OF SIZ JAS. T PRIESTS AND TWO OTHER PERSONS ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989. THE PECIAL FOR ALL PRIESTS AND TWO DTHER PERSONS ON LE NOVEMBER 1988. THE PECTA INVESTIGATION CALLED IN FROM MEXICO CITY BEGAN THE WEEK INTERVIEWING NUMEROUS PERSONS WHO ARE CONTINUED IMPORTANT TO THE INVESTIGATION. ANDNE INDSE INTERVIEWED - ROBERTO D'AUDIUSSON, COLONEL RINE ((PONCET) AND SEVERAL OFFICERS ON OUTY IN THE VICEINITY OF THE CRIME SCENE ON NICOT THE MURGERS. AS DV 9 DECEMBER 1989 THE INVESTIGATION STUDIES OF PRONTS, AND A LACK OF EVIDENCE AND MITNES AND PREVENTED THE INVESTIGATION FROM BEING NARROWED TO SPECIAL STIMULS. SUSPECT/S.

I. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EMBLISY LIGAL ATTACHE, BEGAN THE INVESTIGATION WITH AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT ALFREDO ([CRISTIANI)]. CRISTIANI MADE (T CLEAR HE WANTED THIS CASE CLEARED-UP AS SOOM AS POSSIBLE AND WOULD COOPERATE IN MANY WAY POSSIBLE. CRISTIANI ALSO REQUISTED THAT THE INVESTIGATION FOCUS PIRST ON THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. HE INVESTIGATION FOCUS PIRST ON THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. HE WANTED THE MILITARY INVESTIGATED FINST SECAUSE THE PRESS AND CHURCH ARE POINTING THE FINGER IN THAT DIRECTION AND CRISTIANI WANTS THE MILITARY AS AN INSTITUTION CLEANED AS SOOM AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW THEM TO GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF FIGHTING A WAR. CRISTIANI ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT, IF THE INVESTIGATION INDICATED MILITARY DEFICERS WERE INVOLVED, THEY WOULD BE PROSECUTED. THERE WILL BE NO COVER-UP.

THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR LEDED TO PRESIDENT CRISTIANI'S WISHES AND HAS FOCUSED THE INVESTIGATION ON THE MILITARY. HE INTERVIEWED CHIEF OF STAFF EDUCATE RENE ([PONCE)) ON A DEC AS WELL, AND RECEIVED PONCE'S ASSURANCES THAT THE MILITARY WOULD COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE INVESTIGATION. PONCE ASKED FOR GUIDANCE/ SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHERE THE ARMY SHOULD BEGIN. UNFORTUNATELY. HAS OBSERVED THAT TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO REAL ANSWER GIVEN TO PONCE ON THIS POINT.

5. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR AND LEGAL ATTACHE INTERVIEWED ALL OF THE UNIT COMMANDERS ON DUTY IN THE AREA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA (UCA) ON THE WIGHT OF THE MURDERS. ALLITARY DETACHMENTS SIX AND SEVEN HAD SQUADS IN THE AREA AS DID THE TREASURY POLICE. ALL OF THE SQUAD TEADERS FROM DM-6 AND DM-7 REPORTED HEARING THE GUN SHOTS WHICH WERE PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE KILLINGS OF THE PRIESTS; BUT THEY ALL SAID THEY DID NOT ASSOCIATE THE SHOTS WITH THE UCA CAMPUS, HUT RATHER THOUGHT THERE WAS A FIREFIGHT WEAR THE AREA. THE IRLASURY POLICE UNIT

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WAS STATIONED ON THE TOP FLOOR IN THE DEMOCRACY TOWN BU HE IN THE FIRST INTERVIEW. THE SURAD FLARING SAID HE MEAND NO. MG. WHICH RAISED SUSPICIONS BECAUSE HE HAD PERHAPS THE BEST TO ASSESSED TO HAVE HEARD THE SHOT, AND LIMITUDING OVERLOOKS TO UCA CAMPUS. THE OFFICER LATER ADMITTED HE WAS ASLEEP AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING BUT ONE OF HIS MEN HAY HAVE BEARD THE SHOTS. THIS SECOND OFFICER WAS INTERVIEWED AND CONFERRED HE HEARD THE HOTS BUT, AT THE TIME. THOUGHT THEY WERE THE SULLT OF A TEREFICHT;

TOLD THE TRUTH AND WILL BE OF STATE USE TO THE MILITARY STICEPS.
TOLD THE TRUTH AND WILL BE OF STATE USE TO THE INVESTIGATION.
THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT TOTAL SHEELQUENTLY COMBUCTO
INTERVIEWS OF ALL THE MEN POSITIONED WEAR THE USE OR THE RIGHT.
OF THE MURDERS AND CONCEDUDED THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE
ANY OF THEM WERE INVOLVED.

THE PROOF OF SOCIONS IN THE SPICIAL INVESTIGATION SEED LEGAL ATTACHE INTERVIEWED MAJOR BERNELO ((B'AUBUISSON)) AT ALS OFFICE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSIGNMENT BUILDING, ACCOMDING OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION, D'AUBUISSON EXPRESSED A WILLIAGHES IS COOPERATE WITH THE INVESTIGATION, AND DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE MUNDERS. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION PRINTEDLY TOLD D'AUBUISSON THAT HE WAS A PRINCIPAL SUSPECT IN THE CREATE AND MOULD BY INVESTIGATED FULLY. D'AUBUISSON THREW THIS BACK AT THE INVESTIGATED FULLY. D'AUBUISSON THREW THIS BACK AT THE INVESTIGATOR SAYING THAT HE HAD GONE THROUGH OTHER INVESTIGATORS ATTICHED THE REGNAPPING CASE AND MOMERO MUNDES. SPECIFICALLY, AND HAD BEEN PROVEN (MNGCENT IN THOSE CASE.)

B. PERHAPS TRYING TO SHOW HIS WILLINGNISH TO COOPE ALE,
D'AUBUISSON MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHERE THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED. HE SUGGESTION THAT A SPECIAL PUBLIC AL
REVIEW BOARD (SIMILAR TO A U.S. GRAND JUNT) BE ISTABLISH.
GUISTION WITHESS AND PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH THE IMPRESS AL
SOMETHING WAS BEING DONE TO SOLVE THIS CASE, WHEN THE IS. GATOR
AND LEGAL ATTACHE AGREED THIS WOULD BE USEFUL D'AUBUISSON SHOULD BE USEFUL D'AUBUISSON SHOULD BE USEFUL D'AUBUISSON SHOULD BE USEFUL D'AUBUISSON STABLISH THE REVIEW BOARD. IN RETROSPECT THIS WAS PROBEST A
PLOY ON D'AUBUISSONS' PART TO IMPRESS HIS AUDIENCE. THIS I THE
IMPRESSION RECAUSE, AS OF THIS WHITING, THE REVIEW BOARD IS NOT

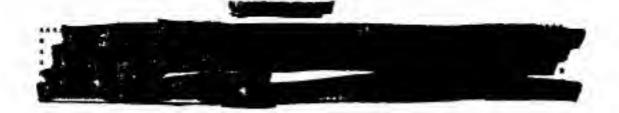
B. THE SPECIAL IMPESTIGATOR ALSO INTERVIENCE CATHOLIC ENUMER OFFICIALS AT THE UCA. IT BECAME EVIDENT EARLY ON THAT THE CHURCH WILL TAKE ON AN AGVERSARIAL ROLE IN THIS INVESTIGATION. TO DATE THE CHURCH HAS GONE OUT OF 115 MAY TO ACCUSE THE MILITARY OF COMMITTING THE CRIME. THEY HAVE ALSO ENGAGED IN OUTRIGHT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE BY NOT ALLOWING THE UCA NEWS, WHOSE RESIDENCE IS NEXT TO THE CRIME SCENE, TO TESTIFY. THE JESUITS ALSO ARRANGED FOR ONE ALLEGED EYE WITHESS TO BE FLOWN OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON TO DECEMBER. THIS INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE BRITISH CONSULTAND IS NOT CONFIRMED AS OF YET.

IO. ON 7 DECEMBER O'AUBUISSON CALLED THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR AND REQUESTED A PRIVATE MEETING. AT THE MEETING, D'AUBUISSON SAID THAT HE HEARD FROM A SQUACE WITHIN THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE (FAES) THAT FAES GENERAL JUAN RAFEAEL ((BUST)LLD) MAY HAVE HAD A PART IN THE MURDERS OF THE JESUITS. D'AUBUISSON SAID BUSTILLO SPOKE TO HIS SENIOR OFFICERS THE DAY BEFORE THE MURDERS AND STATED AT THAT

MEETING THAT THE JESUITS "SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF". D'AUBUISSON ALSO IMPLICATED MAJOR RUBERTO ANTONIO ((LETVA)) JACOBO IN THE RILLING, BUT WAS VAGUE ABOUT LETVA'S NOLE.

SUSPICIOUS TO SAY THE LEAST. SEVERAL QUESTIONS ARISE AS TO MAY D'AUBUISSON GAVE THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR THIS INFORMATION. FIRST. AND FOREMOST, IS THE QUESTION OF MAY D'AUBUISSON MODED "MAY" ON GENERAL BUSTILLO MICH BUSTILLO IS SEEN AS A D'AUBUISSON MAN. IT IS NO SECRET IN THE MILITARY THAT D'AUBUISSON ADVOCATED BUSTILLO FUR THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE POSITION OVER GENERAL LARIOS. ALSO, LEIVA IS KNOWN TO BE OUT OF FAVOR AT THIS TIME, AND JUST RECENTLY MAS HEMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AS FAES S-2. BECAUSE OF THESE QUESTIONS AND THE





PACT D'AUBUISSON WAS THE SHOWLE OF THE INCHMALIUM, THE TIE FUNCE DECIDED NOT TO APPROACH BUSTILIO ON LLIVE DIRECTLY, BUT HE TRACEOM THE INVESTIGATION TO CONTINUE AND SEL IF ANY SUBSTEX TIME EVIDENCE IS CONTROMING. AN INCHME WILL BE HADE TO DESCRIBE OURSELY OF THE DIRECT PONCE'S INVESTIGATION TOWARD FOR FAES AS WELL, BUT HIT TO EXCLUDE THE OTHER SERVICES.

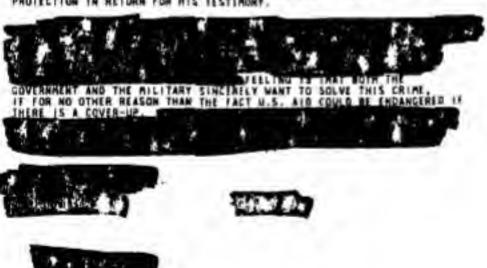
12. AS THE WEEK DREW TO A 110SE A SENSE OF TRUSTRAT IN SET THE THE CHURCH IS DESTRUCTING FOR ENVESTIGATION, EVE WITHESES ARE NO WHERE TO BE FOUND AND THEME IS PRICEOUS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. AND TO THE A LAKE OF A SPECIAL MUST BY FOR THE RELEINGS AND AN INVESTIGATION TO A SPECIAL CHURTEVY FOR WHICH COULD NARROW THE INVESTIGATION TO A SPECIAL GROUP. ALTHOUGH THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL FROM L. LYME OF FORM AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, AND POLITICAL PRISSUMS WITH CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

FOR INFORMATION UNITED AUMOUNTS. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE SANTITZED AND PASSED TO THE TASK FONCE FOR FOLLOW-UP. TO BATE THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR HAS BEEN WENT CHEPPENATIVE.

IND/OR CEADS WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE INVISTIGATION.

CLAIMS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH AN EYF WITHESS TO THE AURDERS. THE
EYE WITHESS IS TERREFIED HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER AND REFUSED TO GO
TO THE POLICE.

IS ATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE
HIM TO THE EYE WITHESS SO THAT CAN CONVINCE THE TO GIT IN TOUCH
WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY. AT THIS POINT THE ONLY OBSTACLS TO THIS
HAPPENING IS THE FACT THE EYE WITHESS BOES NOT THUST THE JEAN
WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAR TO AND IS PROTECT THE MILITARY
WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAR TO AND IS OFFICIATED
HAVE A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH THE EYE WITHESS AS LANGT A
DECEMBER. THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THIS (NEOR-) IN IN
GENERAL TERMS AND IS PREPARED TO OFFICE THE EYE WITHESS FT
PROTECTION IN RETURN FOR HIS TESTIMONY.





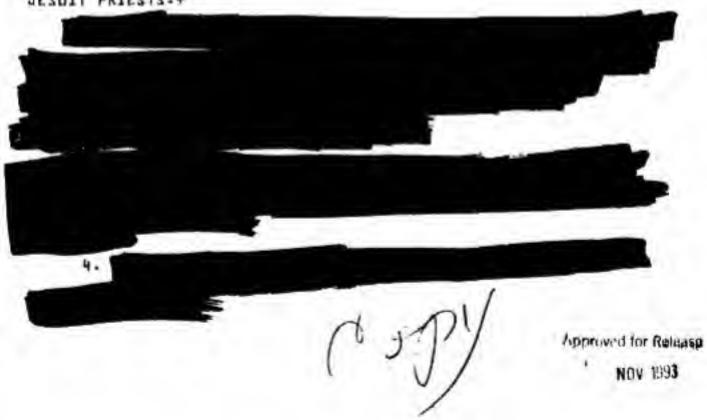
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SUBJECT: CAPTAIN ALFONSO CHAVEZ GARCIAY

1. FBIS. DATED 13 DECEMBER 1989, NOTED THAT CAPTAIN
ALFONSO ((CHAVEZ)) GARCIA AND NATIONAL POLICE (HIEF GENERAL
HERIBERTO ((HERNANDEZ)) WERE ACCUSED BY SALVADORAN ARMY
OFFICERS OF HAVING CARRIED OUT AND AUTHORIZED THE MURDER OF SIX
JESUIT PRIESTS-Y





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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: NATIONAL POLICE ROLE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE

MURDERS OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF

CENTRAL AMERICA

DOI: MID-DECEMBER 1989

TEXT: 1. IN MID-DECEMBER 1989

SAID THE NATIONAL POLICE RECEIVED ORDERS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE AND HONEST INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDERS OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO OTHER PERSONS WHICH OCCURRED ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989 AT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA).

SAID SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS IN TURN ORDERED THE NATIONAL SAID SENIOR POLICE DEFECTIVE DIVISION TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDERS AND PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU) INVESTIGATION.

SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS ARE COMMITTED TO SOLVING THE MURDERS AND BRINGING THE GUILTY PARTIES TO JUSTICE, WHETHER THEY ARE FROM THE POLITICAL RIGHT OR LEFT, OR THE MILITARY.

2. THE NATIONAL POLICE ROLE HAS CONSISTED OF PROVIDING

FINGERPRINT WORK AND ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES.

THE NATIONAL POLICE ALSO CONDUCTED A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, WHICH FAILED TO TURN UP ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE THE INFORMATION GATHERED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE INVESTIGATION CORRESPONDED WITH THAT OBTAINED BY THE SIU: THE AREA SURRDUNDING THE UCA CAMPUS WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) AND SECURITY FORCES PERSONNEL; THERE WAS NO GUERRILLA ACTIVITY REPORTED IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AROUND THE UCA ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS; AND THERE WERE NO ABANDONED OR STOLEN VEHICLES LEFT IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE CLUES AS TO THE AUTHORS OF THE CRIME.

ESAF WAS THVOLVED IN THE MURDERS. HE SAID HE BASED THIS OPINION ON THE FACT THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AROUND THE PRIESTS' RESIDENCE PRIOR TO THE MURDERS, AND THAT THERE WAS A HEAVY MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE MANY IN THE NATIONAL POLICE SUSPECT ESAF PARTICIPATION IN THE MURDERS, NO PROOF EXISTS TO IMPLICATE THE MILITARY IN THE CRIME.

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6. ANOTHER INJUSTICE WHICH SUBJ WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WAS LEIVA'S CONNECTION TO THE MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO. SUBJ SAID THAT HE AND SOME FELLOW OFFICERS WATCHED THE TV ACCOUNTS OF THE ALLEGED DIARY OF ALVARO RAFAEL ((SARAVIA)), AND THE DAMAGING INFORMATION ENTERED THEREIN CONCERNING THE MURDER. FER SUBJ. HE AND HIS FELLOW OFFICERS, TO A MAN, RECOGNIZED THE HANDWRITING IN THE DIARY AS BELONGING TO LEIVA, AND NOT SARAVIA. HE SAID THAT THIS COULD BE PROVEN, BUT NOBODY HAS THUS FAR OFFICIALLY MADE THE CONNECTION.



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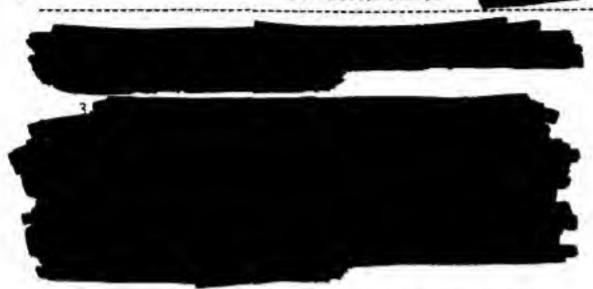


- 1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.
- 2. IN EARLY JANUARY 1990 NEW INFORMATION SURFACED INDICATING THAT THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) PROBABLY WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDERS OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO OTHER PERSONS ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989. BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE CASE SINCE THE NEW INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED. THE SALVADORAN COVERN MENT BELIEVES IT IS CLOSE TO SOLVING THE MURDERS AND HAS IN-DICATED A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT IS IMMINENT. TO DATE THREE ESAF OFFICERS ARE UNDER ARREST AND APPROXIMATELY 45 ENLISTED PERSONNEL ARE BEING DETAINED PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CASE IS ATTRACTING TOO MUCH PUBLICITY WHICH MAY PLACE UN-NECESSARY PRESSURE ON THE COMPENSANT TO COMPLIED ITS INDESSE



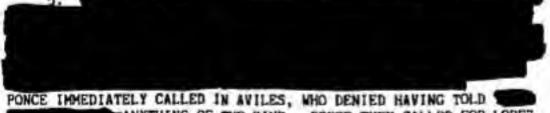
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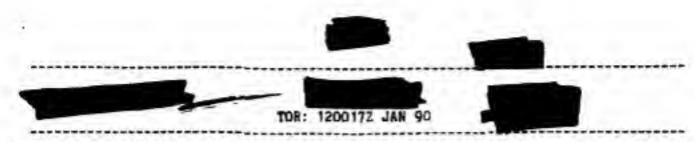


AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME IN MID-DECEMBER 1989 COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO, DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY, TOLD LT. COLONEL MANUEL. ANTONIO HERMENEGILDO ((RIVAS)) MEJIA, DIRECTOR OF THE SALVADORAN COVERNMENT SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU), THAT HE (HENAVIDES) ORDERED A GROUP FROM THE IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION ATLACATL TO GO TO THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA (UCA) ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS. BENAVIDES APPARENTLY TOLD RIVAS OF HIS DEED BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTION AND WAS ASKING RIVAS FOR ASSISTANCE. RIVAS IN TURN SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH HIS PREDECESSOR AT THE SIU, COLONEL NELSON IVAN ((LOPEZ Y LOPEZ)), CURRENT C-1 IN THE HIGH COMMAND (ESTADO MATOR), WHOM THE ESTADO MAYOR HAD CHARGED TO WORK WITH THE SIU ON THE INVESTIGATION. LOPEZ Y LOPEZ THEN TOLD COLONEL CARLOS ANGEL ((AVILES)), APPARENTLY HIS CLOSE FRIEND WHO IS CURRENTLY THE C-5 AT THE ESTADO MAYOR, OF BENAVIDES' PLIGHT. AVILES EXPLAINED

THE CHAIN OF ACQUISITION BECAUSE HE FELT HE HAD TO HAVE A "SAFETY NET" IN THE EVENT THINGS WENT BAD.



PONCE IMMEDIATELY CALLED IN AVILES, WHO DENIED HAVING TOLD
ANYTHING OF THE KIND. PONCE THEN CALLED FOR LOPEZ
Y LOPEZ, AND IT WAS AVILES WHO WENT TO SEARCH FOR HIM. WHEN
LOPEZ Y LOPEZ ARRIVED NEARLY AN HOUR LATER, HE DENIED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT.



THE INFORMATION SHOULD INDEED BE INVESTIGATED, BUT AS A RUMOR.

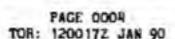
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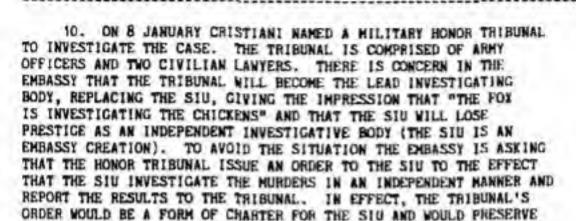
THAT HE (LARIOS) HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THE ALLEGATIONS AND CONSIDERED THEM TO BE SERIOUS CHARGES. HE SAID THE MATTER WOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND THAT PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) WOULD BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY.



- RICARDO ((ESPINOZA)) GUERRA AND LT. GONZALO ((GUEVARA)) CHRHITOS, BOTH SECTION COMMANDERS IN THE BIRI ATLACATL, AS WELL AS LT. YUSHSY RENE ((MENDOZA)) VALLECILLOS FROM THE MILITARY SCHOOL, WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST AND ARE BEING HELD AT NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS. NO LEGAL JUSTIFICATION HAS YET BEEN GIVEN FOR THESE ARRESTS, ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THIS IS A POLITICAL MOVE DESIGNED TO SHOW THE PUBLIC PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN THE INVESTIGATION. COLONEL BENAVIDES IS REPORTEDLY UNDER "BARRACKS ARREST."
- 9. PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) APPEARS TO BE EARNING VALUABLE POLITICAL POINTS FOR HIS "MANAGEMENT" OF THIS INVESTIGATION AND HE APPEARS TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND CHURCH. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS BEING DRIVEN BY A DEADLINE OF 23 JANUARY, WHEN THE U.S. CONGRESS BEGINS ITS NEXT SESSION. CRISTIANI (AND OTHERS) WANT THIS INVESTIGATION TO BE COMPLETED BY THAT DATE AND PRESSURE IS BEING APPLIED TO THE ARMY AND THE SIU TO COMPLETE THEIR INVESTIGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.







11. THE LATEST EVENTS IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDERS HAS FOSTERED AN OPTIMISTIC FEELING BOTH IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE EMBASSY.

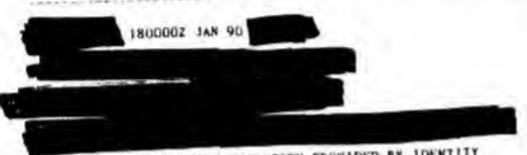
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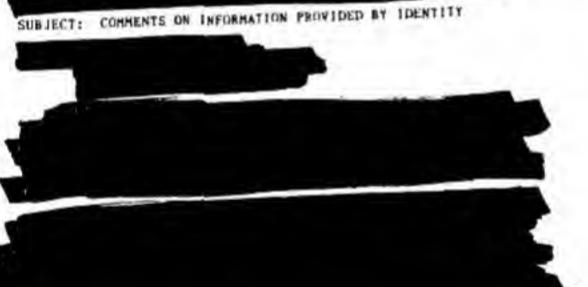
THERE'S ALSO A DEGREE OF SKEPTICISM

AND ALL POSSIBLE
LEADS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED.
POSSIBILITY THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WILL CREATE FURTHER
TENSIONS WITHIN THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION, SPECIFICALLY THE
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OFFICERS AND THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS MAY ONLY FUEL THAT FIRE.





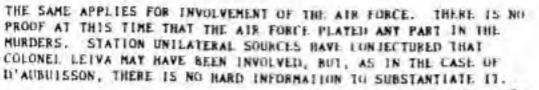




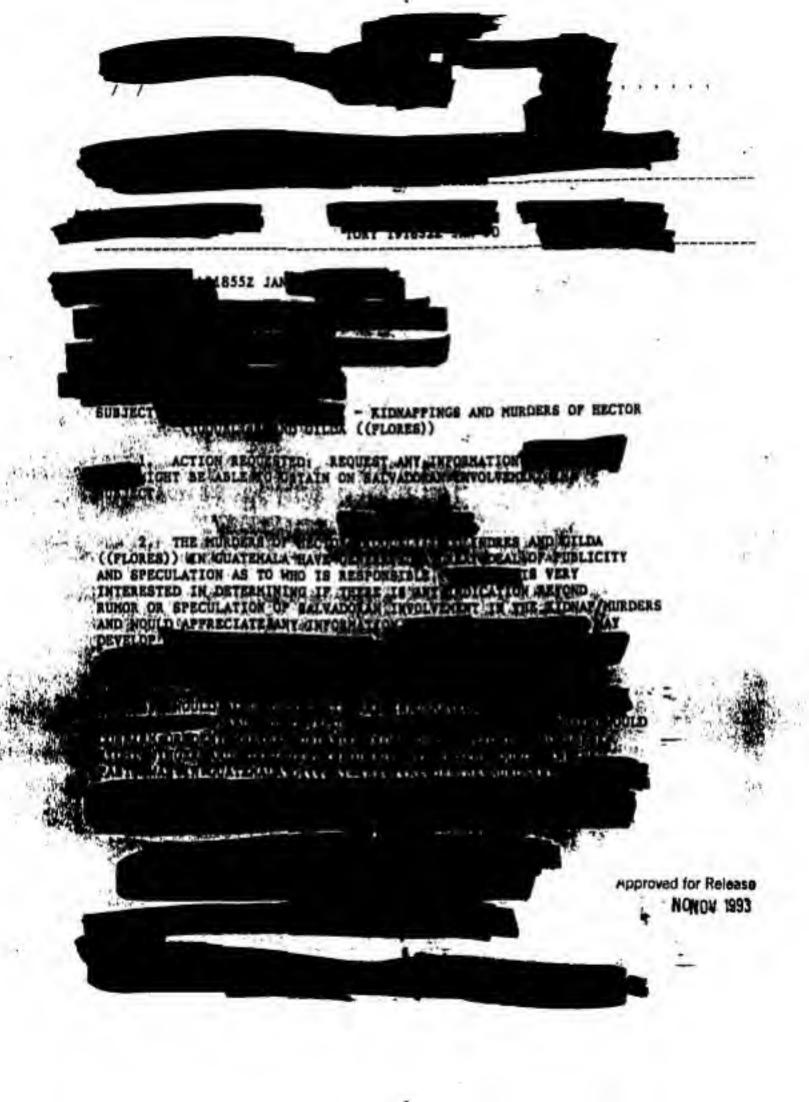
CONCERNING
COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO REFLECT POPULAR
BELIEF AMONG OBSERVERS IN COUNTRY. MOST WHO KNOW BENAVIDES FIND
IT HARD TO BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE ONDERED THE JESUIT HUNDERS.
AS SUBJ SAYS, ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) IS BLANED FOR PRACTICALLY
EVERYTHING BAD WHICH OCCURS IN EL SALVADOR. IN THE CASE OF THE
JESUITS, THE INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED TO INDICATE THAT THERE IS
EVEN A REMOTE CONNECTION BETWEEN D'AUBUISSON AND THE MUNDERS.

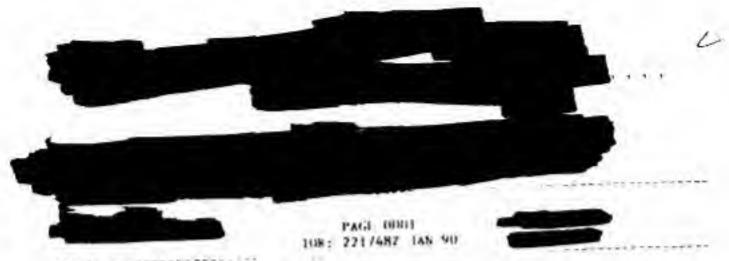


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SUBJECT: LT. COL. GUILLERMO ALFREIN: (CBENAVIDES)) MORENO

2. AS HOS AWARE, LT. COL. GUILLERMO ALPREIX) ((BENAVIDES))
HORENO, DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND PREVIOUSLY C 2 OF
THE GENERAL STAFF, IS THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER IMPLICATED IN THE
NOVEMBER 1989 HURDER OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS.

3. BIO DATA: LI. (DL. GUILLERHO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO POB; SAN SALVANOR

OCC: MILITARY GRADUATE OF ESCUELA MILITAR, 1966

PROMOTIONS: SUB. LT.: 11 NOV 1966 LT.: 31 DEC 1969

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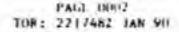
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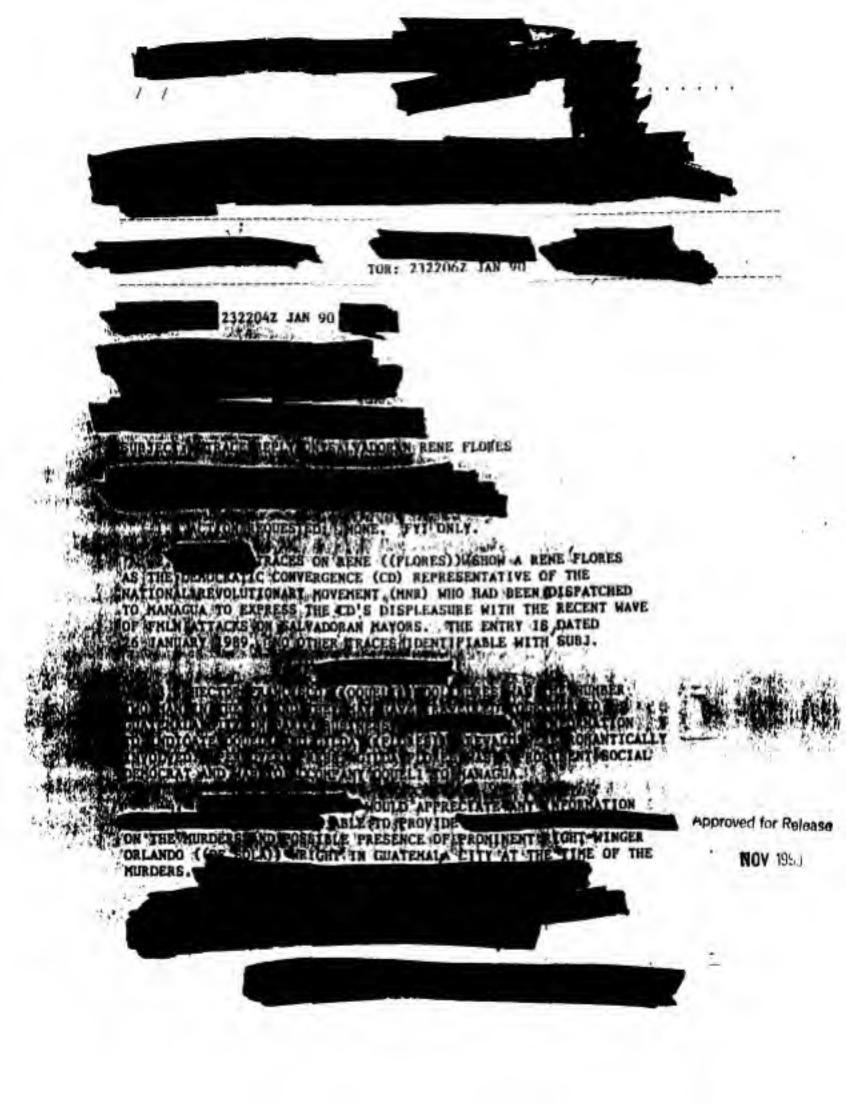


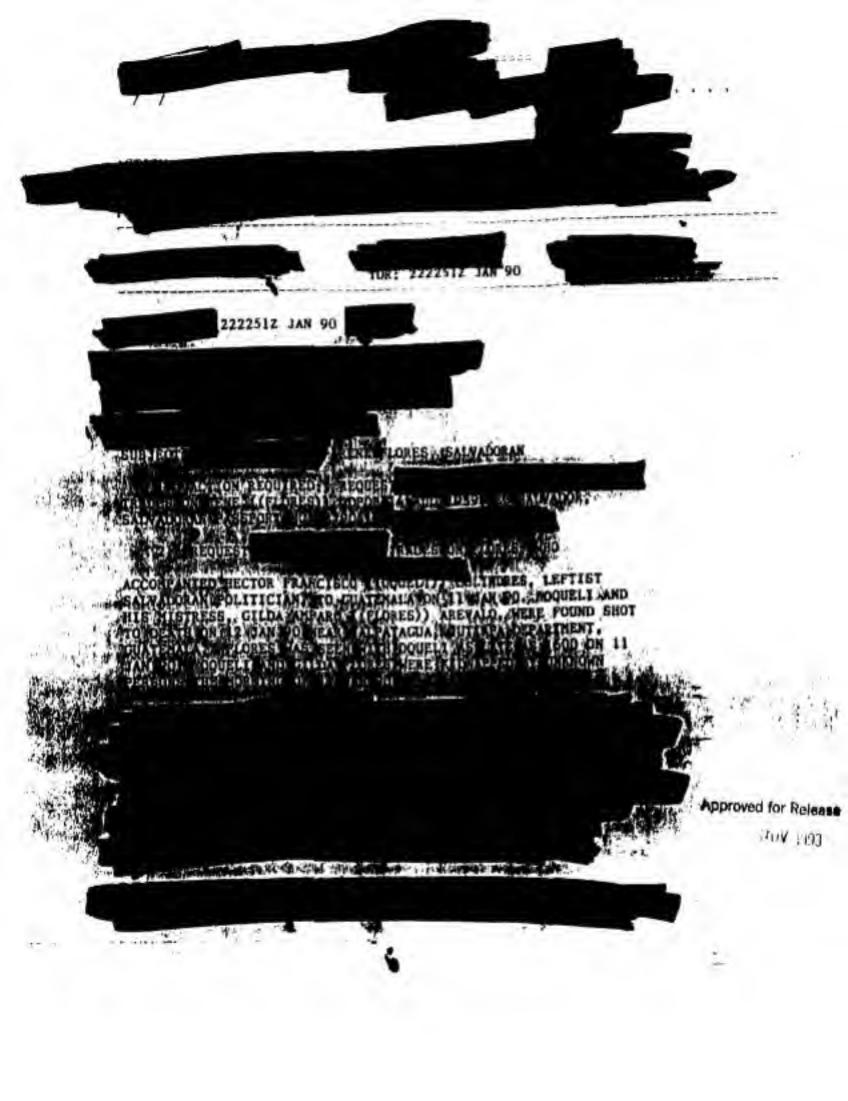


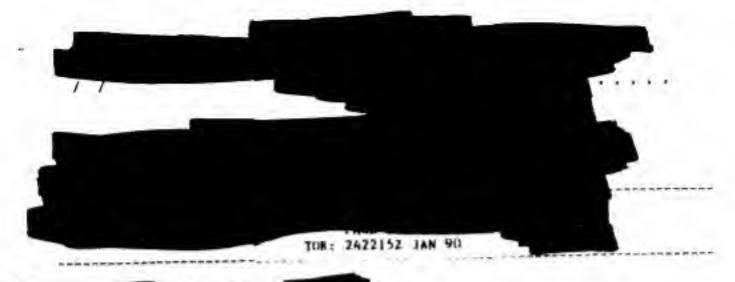


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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR FRI SPECIAL AGENTS
SAN SALVADOR

2. ON 17 JANUARY, COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO BENAVIDES MORENO AND EIGHT OTHER EL SALVADORAN HILITARY MEMBERS WERE CHARGED WITH THE MURDERS OF TRE JESUIT PRIESTS.

INVESTIGATION, IN WHICH CASE THEY WILL AGAIN ASK FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT.

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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUB J:

FHLN DECISION TO POSTPONE NATIONAL OFFENSIVE DUE IN

PART TO FRONT GROUPS' INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE;

FRONT GROUP PLANS TO DISRUPT GOVERNMENT

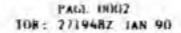
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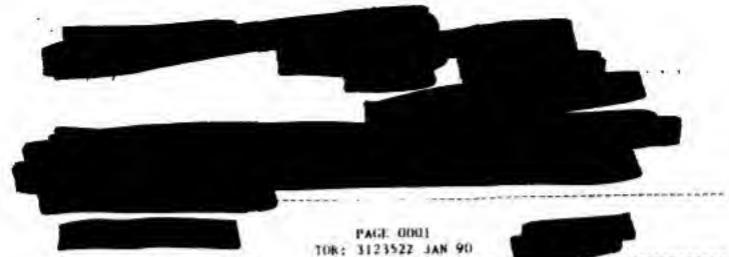


FREN POLITICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS
SATURATE POSTFOREART OF THE OFFENSIVE WAS BASED IN PART ON
NATIONAL UNITY OF SALVADORAN MORKERS (UNIS) DIRECTORATE MEMBER
JULIO CESAR ((PORTILLO))'S DECLARATION THAT HE FOULD NOT GUARANTEE
RANK AND FILE MEMBERS WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT A NATIONWIDE
ARMED OPERATION. MEMBERS HERE UNPREPARED RECAUSE THEY WERE
SHOCKED BY THE OFFENSIVE WHICH BEGAN ON 11 NOVEMBER 1989, AND
UNTS MEMBERS AND OTHER FRONT GROUP MEMBERS WENT INTO HIDING AND
HAVE REFUSED TO EMERGE THE GOVERNMENT IMPOSED STATE OF SIEGE AND
SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS HAVE ALSO HAMPERED THE GROUP'S
OPERATIONS.

3. HOWEVER, PORTILLO PROMISED TO SUPPORT THE NEXT NATIONAL INSURRECTION ONCE THE STATE OF SIEGE WAS LIFTED AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE RESTORED. THE UNTS AND OTHER FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ALSO PLANNED TO MOUNT CAMPAIGNS TO DENOUNCE "HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES" BY

THE ARMED FORCES OF EL SALVADOR: THE 31 OCTOBER 1989 BOMBING OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SALVADORAN MORNERS UNIONS (FENASTRAS), WHICH CLAIMED THE LIVES OF UNION LEADERS, INCLUDING FENASTRAS LEADER FEBE ELIZABETH VELAZQUEZ; AND THE 16 NOVEMBER ASSASSINATIONS OF THE SIX CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY JESUIT PRIESTS.

- 4. PORTILLO CLAIMED THE MPSC BELIEVES THE JESUITS WERE NOT KILLED BY LOW RANKING SOLDIERS, BUT THAT THE KILLINGS WERE ORCHESTRATED BY COLONEL HECTOR HERIBERTO ((HERNANDEZ)), DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURY POLICE, AND ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), HONORARY PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARTY. THE MPSC PLANS TO PUBLICLY CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF HERNANDEZ AND D'AUBUISSON, IF THEY ARE NOT IDENTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS THE MASTERMINDS OF THE ASSASSINATIONS.
- 5. ARMY COLONEL GUILLERMO BENAVIDES AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ATLACATL IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF THE JESUITS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO DATE IMPLICATING EITHER HERNANDEZ OR D'AUBUISSON.)



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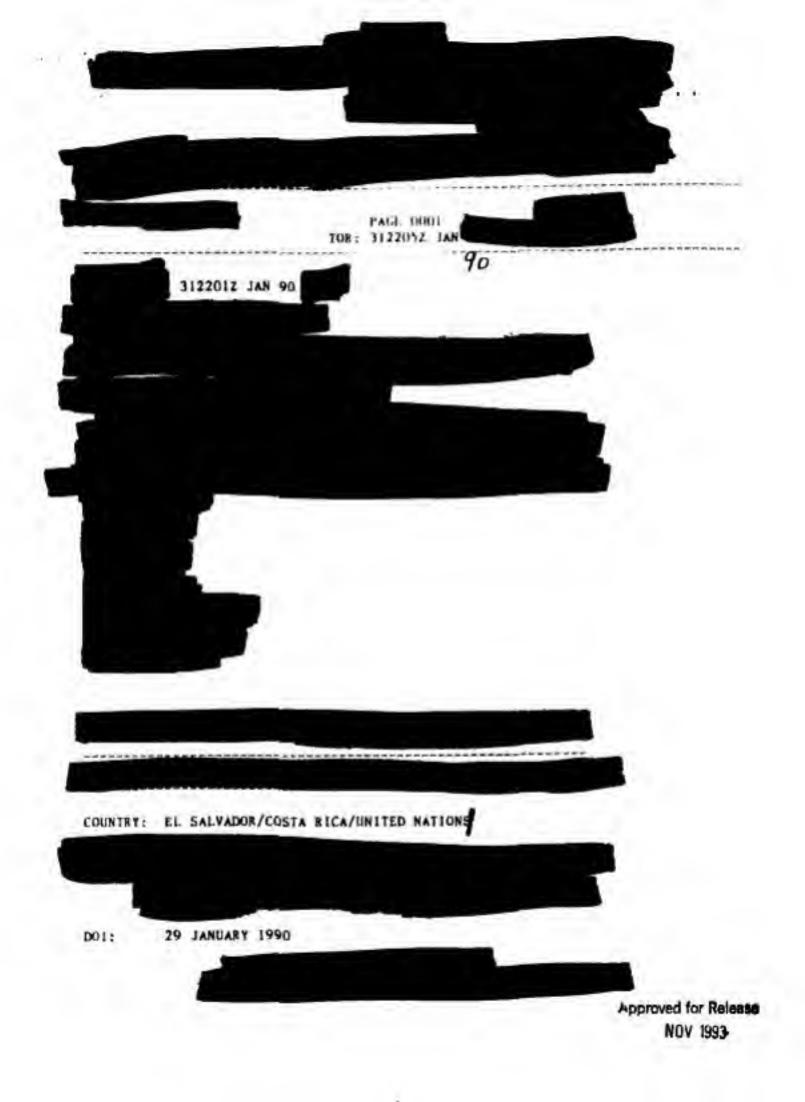
"THE FALK HAS LOOKED FAVORABLY ON THE UNITED NATIONS AS A RECHANISM FOR PEACE TALKS WITH THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT FOR SOME TIME. CRISTIANI'S VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE THAT VIEW. AS INDICATED IN THIS REPORT. COLONEL CARLOS ANGEL ((AVILES)), THE ARMY STAFF CHIEF OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS (C-V), WAS SLATED FOR ASSIGNMENT AS A HILITARY ATTACHE IN THE UNITED STATES; HOWEVER, HE IS SAID TO HAVE IMPLICATED MILITARY ACADEMY DIRECTOR COLONEL GUILLERMO ((BENAVIDES)) IN THE 16 NOVEMBER 1989 MURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR, AND HIS ASSIGNMENT IS ON HOLD. THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO DATE IMPLICATING EITHER AVILES ON D'AUBUISSON IN THE MURDERS OF THE JESUITS."

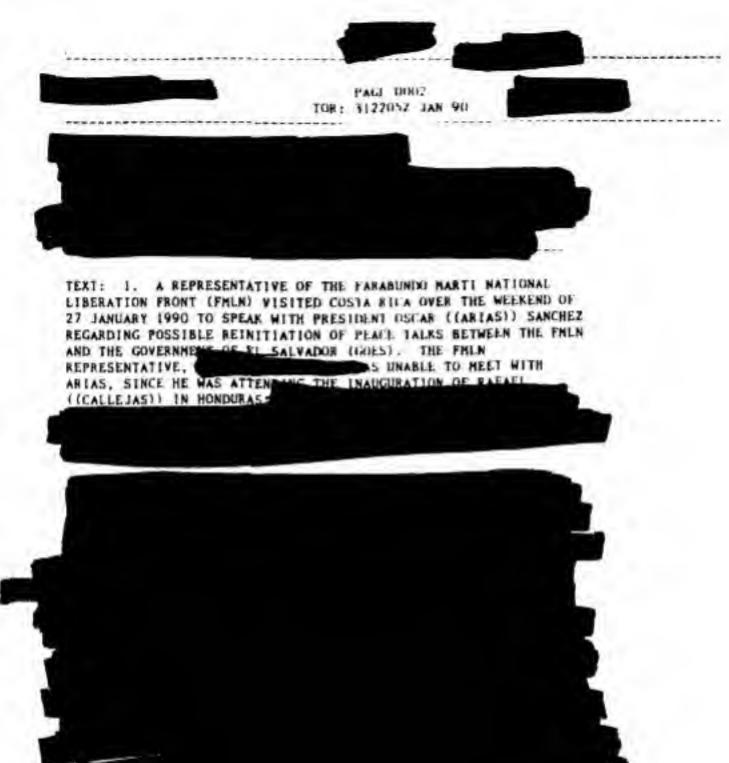


4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHY DENYING AVILES! ASSIGNMENT TO THE U.S. WOULD BENEFIT ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)); THE FALN TENDS TO SEE THE HAND OF D'AUBUISSON BEHIND ALMOST EVERY NEFARIOUS HAPPENING IN EL SALVAINE AND ABROAD.



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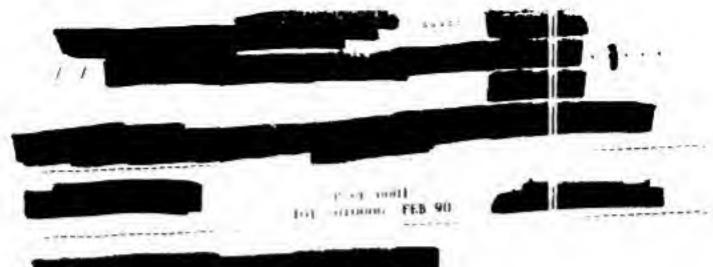
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REPRESENTATIVE HAD NOT TRAVELED TO HONDURAS TO MEET WITH ANTANDON AFOREMENTIONED ISSUES, REPLIED THAT FHEN HAD NOT YET DEVELOPED A SOLID RELATIONSHIP WITH LALLLIAS AND DID NOT WANT TO CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS. ALSO SAID THAT SINCE THIS VISIT WAS JUST TO KEEP ARIAS INFORMED OF FMIN PLANS. HAS CONTENT TO MEET WITH

WANTED ARIAS TO BE AWARE THAT WHILE CHISTIANI APPEARS TO BE SERIOUS IN INVESTIGATING THE MURDER OF THE JESUITS, THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD NOT STOP WITH COLUMN GUILLERNO ALTRIAN ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO, AS A COLONEL CARLOS ((AVILES)) IS ALSO ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED. AVILES WAS DUE TO ASSUME THE JOB OF SALVADORAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BUT WAS SHEDENLY DROPPED FROM THIS POSITION BY CRISTIANI. THE FHEN SELS THE HAND

OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) BEHIND THE RILLINGS OF THE HESHITS AND CRISTIANI'S MOVE TO CANCEL AVILES' ASSIGNMENT TO THE H.S.







DIST: 31 JANUARY 1990



COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: STATEMENT OF HAJOR HAUR II TO HILTRAN THAT SENIOR

SALVADORAN MILITARY OFF HERS ARE GUILTY OF COMPLETTY

IN THE SAN SEBASTIAN HASSAM HE

DOI: SUMMER 1989



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SUMMARY: DURING THE SUMMER : 1989, MAJOR HAD STRAT HIS SUPERIORS HAD ORDERED THE EXELUTION IS SEBASTIAN ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1985. HE CLAIMITE TO RELAYING THE ORDERS OF THE LOTAL BRIGARD TO THE COMMANDER, HE HAD HAINTAINITE IN EXECUTION WAS AN INSURGENT AND BUT CAPTURED THE SITE WHERE THE IMSURGENTS HAD BUT CAPTURED THE INCIDENT LOOK LIKE AN INSURGENT AND EXECUTE THE THE INCIDENT LOOK LIKE AN INSURGENT AND THE INCIDENT LOOK LIKE AN INSURGENT AND THE INCIDENT.

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TEXT: 1. DURING THE SUMMER OF 19H9, STYNING IN MAJOR MAURICIO ((BELTBAN)) GENALUIS, WHO HAY, THE "SAN SEBASTIAN MASSACRE." IDMAENTED INSURED IN THE SUMMARY EXECUTIONS OF CAPTURED INSURED IN THE HAD ALSO ORDERED THE ENSUING LOVER UP.

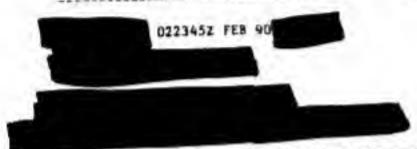
"MASSACRE" OCCURRED ON 21 SEPTEMBER 19HB, WHILL IN THE INFANTRY BRIGADE EXECUTED TO LAPTURED INCOMESED (1343N 8849W), SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT. THE SECUTIONS TO LOOK LIKE AN INCOMESENT ARBUSTAL FOR HIS ALLEGED ROLE IN DIRECTING THE "MASSACRE"

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- 2. BELTRAN SAID THAT HIS INSTENTION AND THE AMERICAN SEBASTIAN RILLINGS AND HAD BEEN ONE OF CARRYING OUT THEMES GIVEN BY THE LINE OF BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL JOSE EMILIO ((CHAVEZ)) LATTURE CHAVEZ CACERES' CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT HE INCIDENT IN THE KILLINGS WERE UNTRUE. HE INDICED THE LOYALTY TO CHAVEZ CACERES, HE HAD MAINTAINED THE LOYALTY TO CHAVEZ CACERES, HE HAD MAINTAINED THE LOYALTY TO CHAVEZ CACERES, HE HAD MAINTAINED THE THE LOYALTY TO CHAVEZ CACERES, HE HAD MAINTAINED THE COURT WAS AN INSURGENT AMBUSH THROUGHOUT THE THE THE STEEL THAT HE COURT BY JUNIOR OFFICERS THAT HE, BELIEAN, HAVE BELLEVEN, HE CAECUTIONS WAS FALSE.
- 3. BELTRAN DESCRIBED THE EVENTS LEADING UP 1. A PHOLOWING THE INCIDENT. HE SAID THAT ON THE MORNING UP 21 4 PHOLOGICAL A FIFTH BRIGADE COMPANY UNDER THE COMMAND OF LILITENANT I AM IESUS ((GALVEZ)) GALVEZ CAPTURED FOUR INSURGENTS IN LAT. A FIFTH FELLOW OFFICER TOLD BELTRAN THAT FOLLOWING IN LICITION FIRE INSURGENTS; INSURGENTS, GALVEZ HAD RECEIVED UNDERS TO DETERMINE MADE A SETTLE THE ORDER.







SUBJECT: RUMORS OF EARLY DNI KNOWLEDGE OF SALVADORAN MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE JESUIT MURDERS

POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. MEDIA
WILL SOON REPORT ALLEGATIONS SUGGESTING THAT OFFICIALS OF THE
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DNI), AND POSSIBLY U.S.
ADVISORS THERE, WERE AWARE AS EARLY AS THE HORNING OF 16 NOVEMBER
1989 THAT THE SALVADORAN MILITARY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HURDERS
OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS EARLIER THAT MORNING.

- AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS HADE AT A 16 NOVEMBER MORNING MEETING AT DNI HEADOUARTERS THAT REVEREND ELLACURIA HAD BEEN KILLED "TRYING TO ESCAPE" OR "RESISTING ARREST" (IMPLYING BY THOSE PHRASES THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE MILITARY); THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS GREETED BY APPLAUSE, PROMPTING ONE OFFICER TO DECLARE THAT RESPONSE INAPPROPRIATE AND SHORT-SIGHTED IN TERMS OF WHAT THE EVENT WOULD MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY; AND THAT THOSE PRESENT OR AWARE OF THE EVENTS OF THE MEETING WERE PART OF A COVER-UP INASMUCH AS THEY DID NOT COME FORWARD WITH THIS INFORMATION. THIS STORY, OR VARIATIONS ON THE THEME, HAVE GAINED ENOUGH CURRENCY AMONG THE U.S. MEDIA REPS HERE THAT WE EXPECT WE MAY WELL SEE SOME REFERENCE TO IT IN THE U.S. MEDIA.
 - DETERMINED THAT:
 - A. THERE WAS A MEETING OF PRINCIPAL DNI OFFICERS ON 16 NOVEMBER, AT 0700 OR 0730 HOURS. DNI INITIATED EARLY HORNING MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE FMLN OFFENSIVE THAT BEGAN 11 NOVEMBER.

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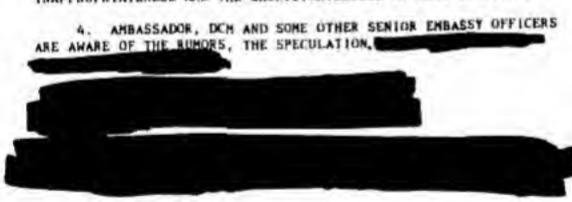
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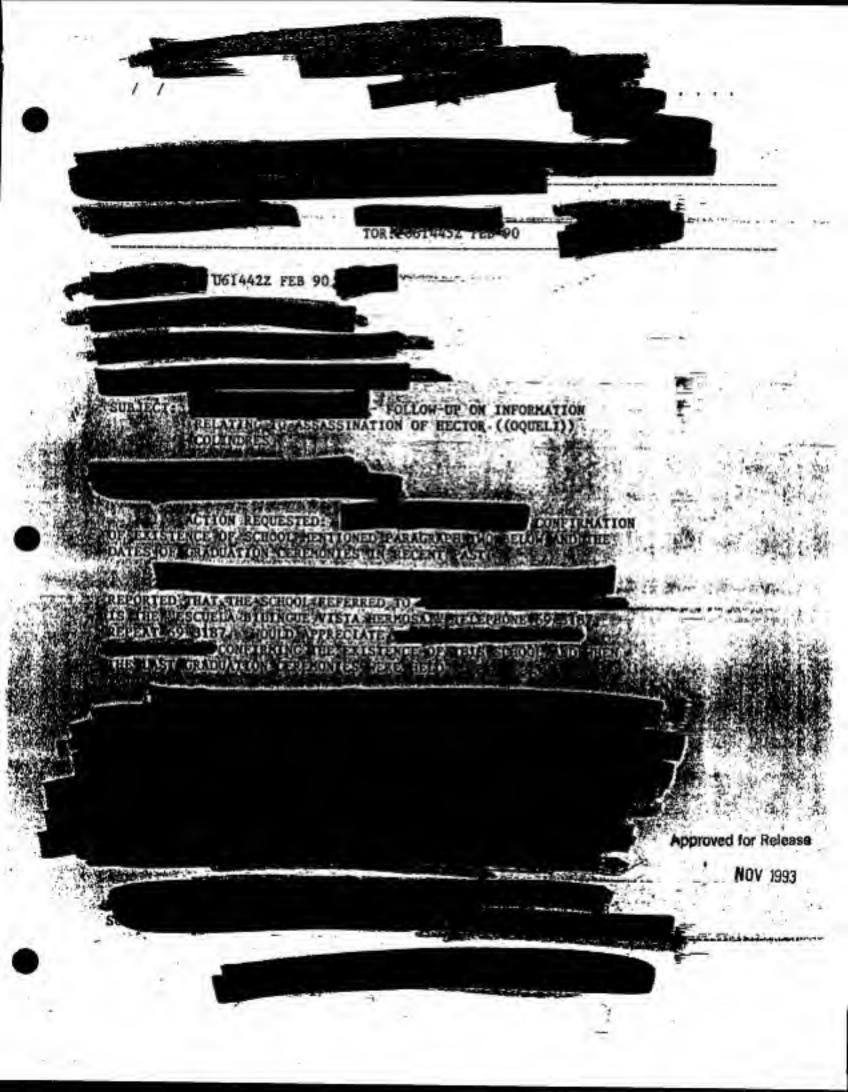


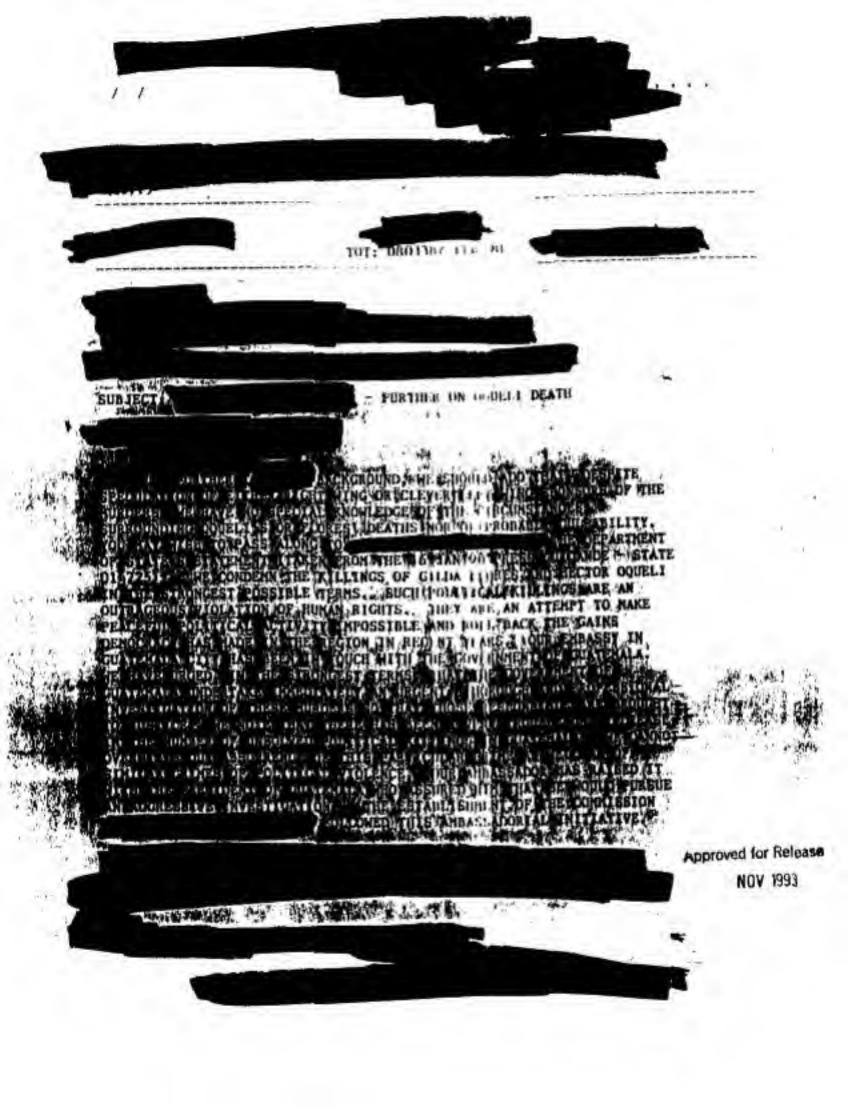
C. AT SOME POINT IN THE MEETING, INCIDENT OF COPERATIONS CAPTAIN HERRERA INTERRUPTED THE MEETING AND IN A QUIET ASIDE TO (THEN) DNI DIRECTOR COLONEL GUZHAN AGUILAR SAID HE HAD JUST HEARD ON THE RADIO OF THE KILLINGS OF ELLACURIA AND OTHER JESUITS. (NOTE: A STORY IS CIRCULATING THAT THE "RADIO" HERRERA HAD LEARNED THE NEWS FROM WAS THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES TACTICAL NET, SUGGESTING HE HAD HONITORED A MILITARY CALL WHICH IMPLICATED THE MILITARY IN THE MURDERS. HERRERA ENTERED THE MEETING WITH HIS MA RADIO IN HAND. THIS IS NOT UNCOMMON, BUT HAY BE THE GENESIS OF THIS ACCOUNT.) HERRERA HAS SAID HE HEARD THE NEWS ON "COMMERCIAL RADIO".

BECAUSE OF THE "STATE OF EXCEPTION" DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT SHORTLY AFTER THE OFFENSIVE BEGAN, LOCAL COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS DID NOT BEGIN BROADCASTING UNTIL LATER THAT HORNING, BUT THAT THE NEWS WAS OUT ON THE WIRE SERVICES AND WAS BROADCAST BY SHORT WAVE COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, WHICH WERE HEARD IN SAN SALVADOR AS EARLY AS 0630 THAT MORNING. DNI REGULARLY MONITORS SHORT MAVE. BROADCASTS IN THE EARLY MORNING.)

D. UPON RECEIVING THE NEWS FROM CAPTAIN HERREBA, COLONEL GUZMAN REPEATED IT TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. SOME DID REACT SPONTANEOUSLY WITH APPLAUSE. COLONEL ROBERTO PINEDA GUERRA, THEN DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL AND PRESENT AT THE HEETING, INTERVENED, POINTING OUT BOTH THE INAPPROPRIATENESS AND THE SHORTSIGHTEDNESS OF THAT REACTION.











SUBJECT:

MEMBERS OF CODEL MORNIEY

- BRILLING OF HPSC!

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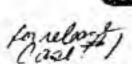
- ACTION REQUESTED: MINE, 171.
- CONGRESS TRAVELLING WITH THE MORKLEY CODES WHO ARE MEMBERS
 OF THE HPSCI (REPRESENTATIVES SHUSTER, DORNAN, RENNELLY, MCHUCH
 AND GLICKMAN) AND HPSCI STAFFERS O'NEILL AND DUPART DURING
 RUSHED AO MINUTE SESSION AFTERNOON 12 LORWARY 1990.
 REPRESENTATIVE SHUSTER CHAIRED THE SESSION AND ALLOTTED EACH
 MEMBER ONLY A FEW MINUTES TO PURSUE TOPICS OF MIS/MER INTENAST.
 THE QUESTIONS COVERED AREAS AND SUBJECTS EXPECTED AND WERE NONCONFAGNTATIONAL. ALL PARTIES APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE
 ANSWERS PROVIDED
 SKIRTED OR LEFT HANGING. EACH REMORE CAME UP INDIVIDUALLY
 AND THANKED
 AND THE GOOD WORK".
- J. SPECIFICALLY, THE MEMBERS HAISED THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS. AND THE RESULTING INVESTIGATION AND ASKED DUR REACTION TO THE SPECULATION THAT COLONEL BEHAVIDES DID NOT ACT ALONE. WE BRIEFED ON THE HECTIC, ALMOST HYSTERICAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE CITY AT THE TIME. THE PARALYSIS OF BENAVIDES' SON, THE PRESSURE ON BENAVIDES TO GET HIS ANEA OF RESPONSIBILITY UNDER CONTIDE. AND THE GENERAL PERCEPTION OF MOST MILITARY OFFICERS THAT THE JESUITS WERE THE INTELLECTUAL LEAGERS OF THE FALM. SEVERAL MINUTES WERE TAKEN ON THE LATTER ISSUE. THE PERCEPTED AND ACTUAL THORESE WERE TAKEN ON THE CHURCH AND THE JESUITS. AND ON WHITHIN THERE IS PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS PERSONS IN LEMERAL. THE REPRESENTATIVES TOOK RATHER EXTENSIVE NOTES. ASKED GOOD QUESTIONS. AND APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE MILITARY SLANCHES AND ARRESTS WERE TARGETTED REALMST SPECIFIC INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONS AND WIRE BASED UPON INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND PREVIOUS INFORMATION OF DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE FALM; THEY WERE NOT PART OF A GENERAL HARASSMENT OF THE CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS ONDERS. THE MEMBERS ALSO ASKED ABOUT D'AUBUISSOM'S POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT.

REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO FUNTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED, AND HO INDICATION THAT D'AUBUISSON WAS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED.



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OF THE MPSCI CODEL ALSO WAS INTERESTED IN DUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RECENT FALM OFFENSIVE AND IN THE STATE OF PLAY OF MEGOTIATIONS. WE PROVIDED A GENERAL DI BRIEF ON BOTH THESE MATTERS, AND THE COMMENTS AND INTERCHANGES INDICATED THAT THE MEMBERS AND STAFF WERE SATISFIED WITH DUR ANSWERS. JENNISTER CASOLO WAS ONLY MENTIONED IN PASSING, AND INTERESTINGT WE GOT THE CILAR IMPRESSION SHE IS NO LONGER INT DARRING OF THE LETT. MANY MIMBERS CAPRESSED OQUET AS TO HED INNOCENCE, AND ALL AGREED THAT HER CREDIBILITY WAS SERIOUSLY IN QUESTION.

ARRANGED A PRIVATE MEETING TO SHUSTER'S REQUEST, LOUIS BUPART TO DISCUSS THE CASOLO CASE AND MURE BETAILS OF THE OFFINSIVE AND PRESENT CAPABILITIES OF THE FALM. SMUSTER AND DUPART DESCRIBED THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE VIDEO TAPE MADE AT THE SCENE.

COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT CASOLO'S U.S. ACTIVITIES ARE BEING GUIDED BY FALN FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. THE REST OF THE SESSION WAS GIVEN OVER THE DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF THE INSURGENCY AND FUTURE SCENARIOS.

DEMONSTRATE PRECONCEIVED BIASES OR SUSPICIONS OF WRONG-BOING OR IMPROPRIETY. ON THE CONTRARY, THE QUESTIONS OF WRONG-BOING IN TONE, AND THE REACTIONS TO BE COMMENTS POSITIVE AND COMPLIMENTARY. GRICKMAN, MCHUGH AND KENNELLY WERE GRACIOUS AND HON-CONFRONTATIONAL, SHUSTER AND DORMAN OPENLY SUPPORTIVE AND ALL APPEARED SATISFIED WITH OUR BRIEFING. THEY ALL LAMENTED THAT THEIR SCHEDULE DID NOT PERMIT MORE TIME TO PURSUE THE SUBJECTS OF THEIR THEIR INTEREST IN MORE DEPTH. BUT WE DID NOT GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY QUESTIONED IN ANY WAY OUR PROFESSIONALISM OR INTEGRITY. ALL IN ALL, A GOOD VISIT.







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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJECT: FALN EVALUATION OF 11 NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE; REVISED

FALN MILITARY PLANS

DOI: 11 NOVEMBER - MID-DECEMBER 1989

TEXT: 1. IN MID-DECEMBER 1989.

GENERAL COMMAND INITIATED A THREE PHASE "EMERGENCY" PLAN AFTER THE FMLN'S FAILURE TO ACHIEVE MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN THE FIRST HOURS OF THE 11 NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE.

- SEIZE PRINCIPAL MILITARY GARRISONS IN THE CITIES OF SAN SALVADOR, SAN MIGUEL, USULUTAN, SANTA ANA, AND ZACATECOLUCA. HE SAID FALN INSURGENTS FAILED TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES IN THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE 11 NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE BECAUSE OF STRATEGIC ERRORS COMMITTED AT ALL LEVELS OF THE FALN COMMAND.
- 3. THE EMERGENCY PLAN CALLED FOR RESERVE FORCES TO REMAIN IN PLACE OUTSIDE TARGET CITIES. RATHER THAN SUPPORTING INSURGENTS ENGAGED IN COMBAT.
- RESULTED IN THE NEED FOR THE EMERGENCY PLAN. FOR EXAMPLE, THE GENERAL COMMAND HAD MADE NO PROVISION FOR THE FAILURE OF FMLN COMBAT UNITS TO ACHIEVE THEIR PRIMARY GOALS. IN ADDITION, FMLN UNITS FAILED TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIONS. THE FMLN ALSO FAILED TO TAKE OVER RADID STATIONS. WHICH THEY HAD PLANNED TO USE TO ANNOUNCE THEIR "VICTORY" OVER THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) AND TO RALLY SUPPORT AMONG THE POPULACE. ALSO, MOST FMLN COMMANDERS WERE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AREAS THEIR UNITS WERE FIGHTING IN, WHICH RESULTED IN A SLOWER ADVANCE BY THESE UNITS THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED.
- DEATH OF COMMANDER ALIAS "GUATUZO" AND THE WOUNDING OF ALIAS "AMADED."

 THE FMLM GENERAL COMMAND BELIEVED THE LOSS OF THESE TWO COMMANDERS CAUSED COMFUSION AMONG COMBATANTS, PREVENTING THEM FROM ATTAINING THEIR OBJECTIVES.

 NICARAGUAN. (CONTROL OF THE OBJECTIVES.)

 NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON WHY
- 6. IN VIEW OF THE FACTORS CITED ABOVE. THE FMLN INSTITUTED ITS EMERGENCY PLAN. PHASE ONE CALLED FOR FMLN COMBATANTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITIONS AND NOT ATTACK MILITARY CUARTELS. IT ALSO INSTRUCTED FMLN UNITS TO FORCE THE ESAF TO USE ARTILLERY AND AIR ATTACKS IN POPULATED AREAS, THUS FOSTERING INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT. FMLN UNITS WERE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE TERRAIN, INTERCEPT ESAF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TO ANTICIPATE COUNTERATTACKS, AND INFILTRATE CIVILIANS INTO ESAF AREAS TO CARRY OUT SURVEILLANCE IN PREPARATION FOR FURTHER FMLN MILITARY ACTION.

THE MURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS ON 16

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NOVEMBER AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE OF ESAF AIR AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS AGAINST POPULATED AREAS CONVINCED THE FALM GENERAL COMMAND TO DELAY THE WITHDRAWAL OF COMBATANTS FROM THE CITIES, AS PHASE ONE ALSO CALLED FOR. THE GENERAL COMMAND BELIEVED INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE WOULD MAKE THE FALM RETREAT FROM THE CITIES EASIER, AND ALLOW IT TO CARRY OUT SUBSEQUENT OFFENSIVE ACTIONS WITH LITTLE OR NO NEGATIVE PRESS COVERAGE.

- B. PHASE TWO OF THE PLAN BEGAN ON & DECEMBER, AND CALLED FOR "MASS DESTRUCTION" OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE IT ALSO CALLED FOR AMBUSHES AGAINST ESAF UNITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE COFFEE GROWING REGIONS, AND FOR THE TAKEOVER OF MILITARY UNITS IN SMALL CITIES. THE GENERAL COMMAND HOPED THIS STRATEGY WOULD DRAW ESAF UNITS FROM MAJOR CITIES-
- 9. PHASE THREE, FOR WHICH A DATE WAS NOT SET, CALLED FOR THE

SUCH AS RECOILLESS RIFLES AND MORTARS FOR AN EIGHT HOUR PERIOD AGAINST MILITARY CUARTELS.

NOT EMPLOYING HEAVY WEAPONS DURING THE 11 NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE.

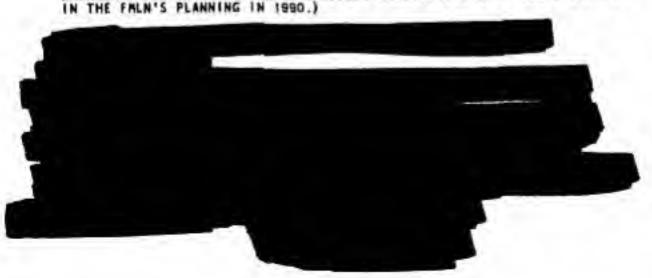
HOWEVER, THE FMLN GENERAL COMMAND BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE SEEN AS JUSTIFIED IN USING THESE WEAPONS, BECAUSE OF HEAVY INTERNATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE OF ESAF ARTILLERY AND AIR ATTACKS AGAINST POPULATED AREAS, AND THE DEATHS OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS.

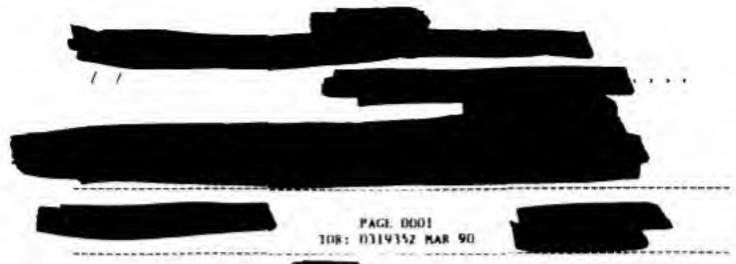
UNIDENTIFIED "PRO-SOVIET" COUNTRIES AS SUPPORTING THE FMLN'S PLANS TO USE HEAVY SUPPORT WEAPONS.

GARRISONS, BY STAGING FALL ATTACKS IN UPPER CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS. THE FALL GARRISONS, BY STAGING FALL ATTACKS IN UPPER CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS. THE FALL GARRISONS AND BELIEVED THAT ESAF UNITS COULD THEN BE MORE EASILY AMBUSHED.

EXTENSIVE USE OF FALL COMBATANTS FORCIBLY RECRUITED SINCE IT NOVEMBER, BUT ONLY AFTER THEY HAD RECEIVED THREE MONTHS OF MILITARY TRAINING. COMBATANTS WOUNDED IN PHASE ONE WOULD ALSO TAKE PART IN PHASE THREE ONCE THEY HAD RECOVERED FROM THEIR WOUNDS. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE THREE MONTH TRAINING PERIOD FOR THE FORCIBLY RECRUITED COMBATANTS—MOST OF WHOM WERE RECRUITED IN DECEMBERINDICATES THAT PHASE THREE OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN WOULD PROBABLY COMMENCE IN MARCH OF 1890.)

SINCE NOVEMBER 1989, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE THIRD PHASE OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN OUTLINED IN THIS REPORT WOULD STILL BE A CONSIDERATION IN THE FALM'S PLANNING IN 1990.)





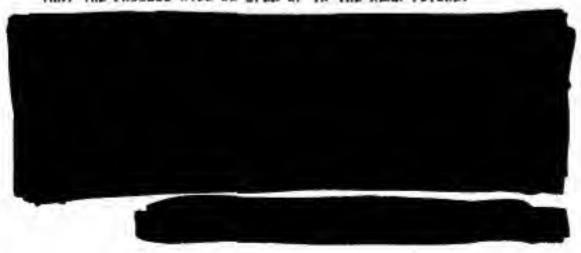
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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN JESUIT HURDER CASE

- 1. ACTION REQUESTED: NONE. FY! ONLY.
- 2. AS THE JESUIT MURDER CASE ENTERS ITS FOURTH MONTH THERE
 IS A NOTABLE DECREASE IN THE ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO THE
 AFFAIR IN THE PRESS AND IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

 CONTINUED TO WORK TO GATHER
 INFORMATION ON THE INVESTIGATION AND COURT PROGRESS AS WELL AS
 MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE SALVADORAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO PROSECUTE
 THOSE CHARGED WITH THE CRIME.

CLOSELY MONITOR THE COURT'S PROGRESS IN PROSECUTING THE CASE.
UNFORTUNATELY, PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW AND THERE IS LITTLE HOPE
THAT THE PROCESS WILL BE SPED UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.



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AGREED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF WHAT HE SAW AND HEARD BEFORE AND DURING THE NIGHT OF 15 NOVEMBER. TO DATE THE YOUNG NAN HAS PROVIDED A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE OFFENSIVE UP UNTIL 15 NOVEMBER.

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FIRST NON-MILITARY EYEWITHESS WITH WHAT MAY WELL BE VALUABLE INFORMATION.

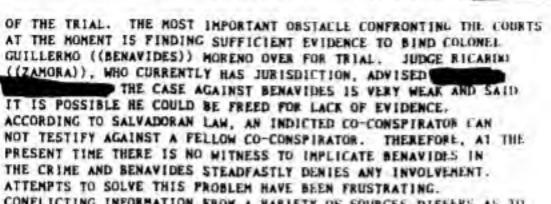
POSSIBILITY OF AIR FORCE INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLINGS AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO POINT TO ANY AIR FORCE PARTICIPATION IN THE CRIMES.

A UNIT OF THE LONG RANGE RECON PATROL (PHAL) LEFT
AIRBASE AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 HRS.
THE SAME INFORMATION AND ADDED THAT THE UNIT WAS LEAD BY
HAJOR ((PERDOMO)).

ONFIRMED THAT THE
PRAL DID INDEED LEAVE
AT THAT HOUR, WITH THE
SPECIFIC MISSION OF PATROLLING THE
THIS WAS A LEGITIMATE MISSION AND IN NO WAY CONNECTED TO THE
HURDERS. TO DATE, NO OTHER INFORMATION HAS SURFACED TO
IMPLICATE THE AIR FORCE.

6. EXBASSY OFFICERS CONTINUE TO MEET REGULARLY WITH JUDICIAL OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN UPDATES ON THE PROGRESS IN THE CASE AND TO PRESSURE FOR ADVANCEMENT. SEVERAL OBSTACLES HAVE ARISEN WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT THREATEN THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME

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THE CRIME AND BENAVIDES STEADFASTLY DENIES ANY INVOLVEMENT.
ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATING.
CONFLICTING INFORMATION FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES DIFFERS AS TO WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO "UNINDICT" ONE OF THE
LIEUTENANTS IN THE CASE AND USE HIM AS A WITNESS AGAINST
BENAVIDES. JUDGE ZANORA CLAIMS THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WHILE
OTHERS ARGUE THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE UNDER EXISTING LAWS.

7.
HANDLING OF THIS CASE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS LESS THAN ADEQUATE.
PERHAPS THE EXPLANATION FOR JUDGE ZAMORA'S LACK OF ENTHUSIASH
CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO FEAR FOR HIS LIFE SHOULD HE AGGRESIVELY
PURSUE THIS CASE.

HE FEARS THE ARMED FORCES. SPECIFICALLY THE

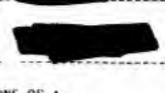
"TANDONA", WILL SEEK REVENCE AGAINST HIM SHOULD HE PROSECUTE THE CASE TO ITS FULLEST. ZAMORA HAS GONE AS FAR AS TO ASK FOR PROTECTION AND VISAS TO SEND HIS FAMILY TO THE UNITED STATES.

B. WHILE ZAMORA'S PERCEPTION OF A THREAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN THE HISTORICAL REALITIES OF EL SALVADOR, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THERE IS A THREAT AGAINST HIS LIFE. IN FACTOR THE ARMED FORCES AS AN INSTITUTION WANT TO SEE THIS CASE PROSECUTED TO ITS FULL EXTENT, IF FOR NOTHING ELSE THAN TO CLEAR THE NAME OF THE ESAF. ADDITIONALLY, COLONEL PONCE HAS STATED, PUBLICLY

AND PRIVATELY THE GUILTY MUST BE PROSECUTED. ON THE OTHER HAND, PONCE HAS NOT GIVEN ZAMORA ANY SPECIAL ASSURANCES OR GUARANTEES. PONCE IS UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE FROM AT LEAST SOME TANDONA MEMBERS TO PROTECT FELLOW TANDONA MEMBER BENAVIDES. THIS PRESSURE MAY BE ONE OF THE REASONS PONCE HAS ARGUED REPEATEDLY TO USG OFFICIALS AND THE PRESS THAT THE MILITARY HAS DONE ITS PART IN THE INVESTIGATION (THE HONOR TRIBUNAL) AND THAT NOW IT IS UP TO THE COURTS. THE U.S. YICE PRESIDENT RECENTLY MARNED PONCE THAT THE MILITARY MUST ENSURE THAT THE GUILTY ARE PROSECUTED AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUARANTEE SO THAT THE JUDICIAL PROCESS CAN GO FORWARD WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OR THREATS.

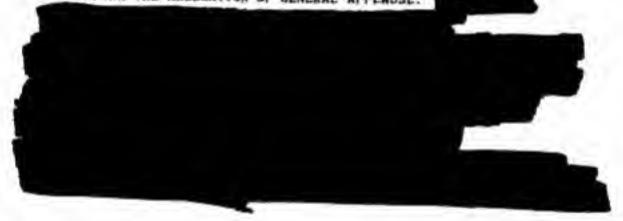


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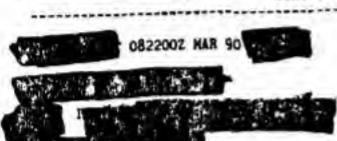
9. OTHER ISSUES IN THIS CASE INCLUDE ALLEGATIONS OF A MEETING OF CERTAIN TANDONA MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE KILLINGS IN WHICH THE JESUITS WERE DISCUSSED, AND A MEETING AT DNI THE FOLLOWING MORNING DURING WHICH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MURDERS WAS MET WITH APPLAUSE. STATION COULD FIND NO PROOF THAT THE ALLEGED MEETING OF THE TANDONA TOOK PLACE. THERE WAS A MEETING OF THE JOINT STAFF (ESTADO MAYOR) ON THE EVENING BEFORE THE JESUIT MURDERS, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION OF THE JESUITS OR THAT ANY OF THE DISCUSSIONS HELD AT THAT MEETING LEAD TO THE KILLINGS. CONCERNING THE MEETING AT DNI, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT PRESS CONTENTIONS THAT THE NEWS OF THE MURDERS WAS MET BY APPLAUSE.

WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE A HANDFUL OF THE APPROXIMATELY 30 PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING MAY HAVE CLAPPED OR EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION THAT THE JESUITS HAD BEEN KILLED. THERE IS NOTHING TO CONFIRM THE ALLEGATION OF GENERAL APPLAUSE.

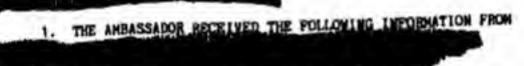




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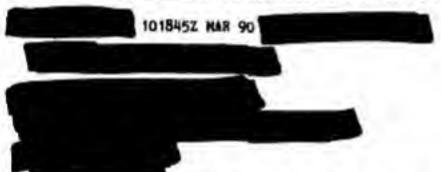
- THE MISSING WINTH WITNESS IN THE JESUIT KILLINGS, PRIVATE JORGE ALBERTO ((SIERRA)) ASENCIO, IS ABOUT TO SURFACE IN MEXICO CITY. SIERRA WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AND CLAIN THAT SALVADORAN ARMY LIEUTENANT JOSE RICARDO ((ESPINOZA)) WAS IN CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION TO KILL THE JESUITS WITH VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE COLONEL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA)) HERRERA. SIERRA WILL NAME ZEPEDA AS THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR AND TACTICAL SUPERVISOR OF THE JESUIT MURDERERS. (BOTH SIERRA AND ESPINOZA ARE DEFENDANTS IN THE CASE. SIERRA DESERTED FROM THE ARMY AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1989, AND IS STILL MISSING.)
- 3. PALSO CLAIMED THAT U.S. CONGRESSMAN HOAKLEY IS AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION, AND MAY TRAVEL SOON TO HEXICO CITY TO INTERVIEW SIERRA.



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SUBJECT: JOURNALIST'S CLAIM THAT THE SALVADORAN VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WILL BE IMPLICATED IN THE MURDER OF THE JESUITS



1. CITED A MEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT'S STATEMENT THAT PRIVATE JORGE ALBERTO ((SIERRA)) ASENCIO, A DEFENDANT IN THE MOVEMBER 1989, WILL SURFACE IN MEXICO CITY AND NAME SALVADORAN VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE COLONEL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA)) HERRERA AS THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR AND TACTICAL SUPERVISOR OF THE MURDERS.

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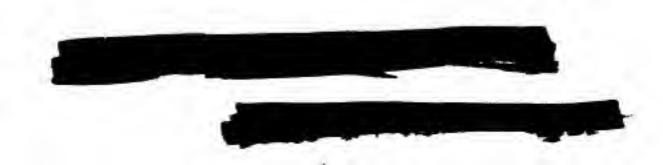
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 SIERRA WILL ALLEGEDLY CLAIM THAT LIEUTENANT JOSE RICARDO ((ESPINOZA)), ALREADY IN CUSTODY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDERS, WAS IN CONSTANT RADIO CONTACT WITH ZEPEDA THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION TO MURDER THE JESUITS.







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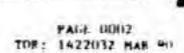
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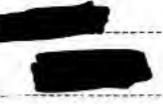
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3. ON 22 JANUARY 1990, THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) SENT AN EIGHT-PAGE, OPEN LETTER SIGNED BY THE GENERAL COMMAND, TO RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN EL SALVADOR. THE LETTER WAS ON FMLN LETTERHEAD. IN THE LETTER, THE FMLN STRESSED THAT THE CHURCH AND THE FMLN PURSUED A COMMON GOAL, THAT IS, TO LOOK OUT FOR THE COMMON MAN AND TO FIGHT FOR PEACE. THE FMLN EMPHASIZED THAT THE CHURCHES HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM, AND TO THE SEARCH FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE CIVIL WAR. THE GENERAL COMMAND POINTED OUT THAT IT HAS PRESENTED SEVERAL PROPOSALS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONDED WITH MORE REPRESSION, SUCH AS THE FENASTRAS BOMBING, WHICH FORCED THE FMLN TO LAUNCH THE NOVEMBER 1989 OFFENSIVE



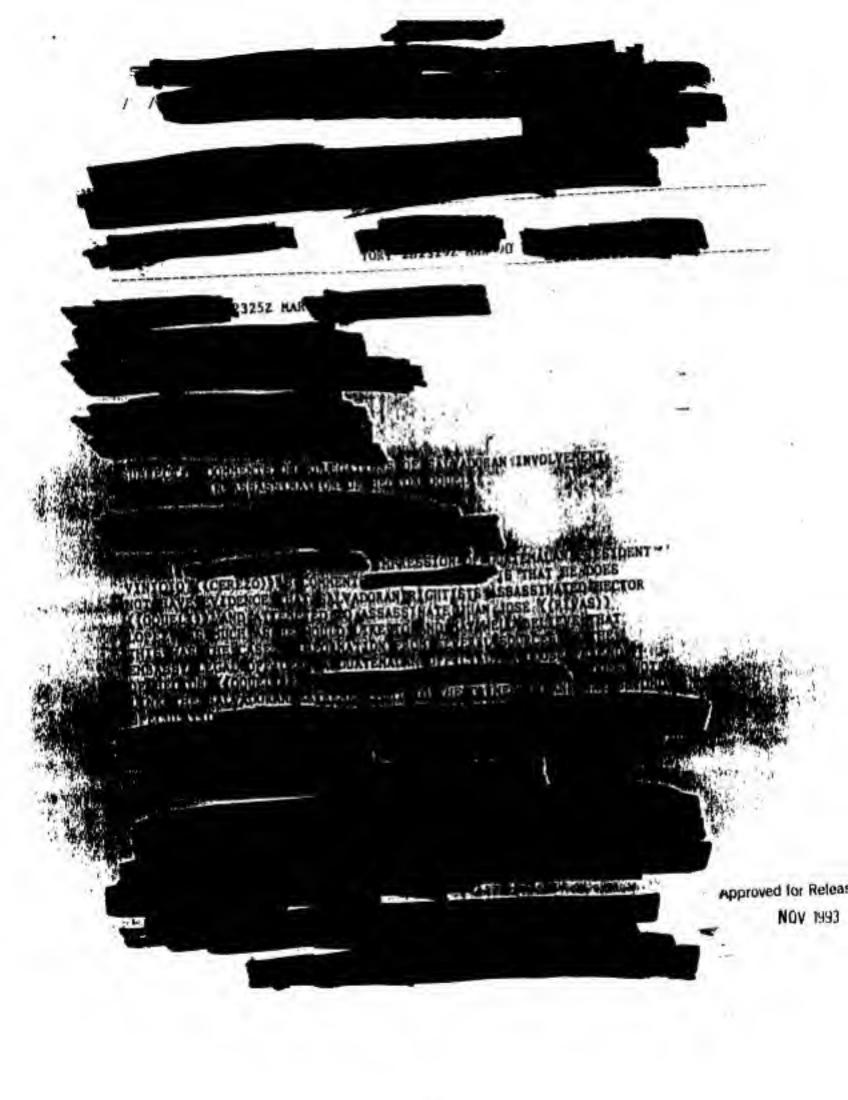




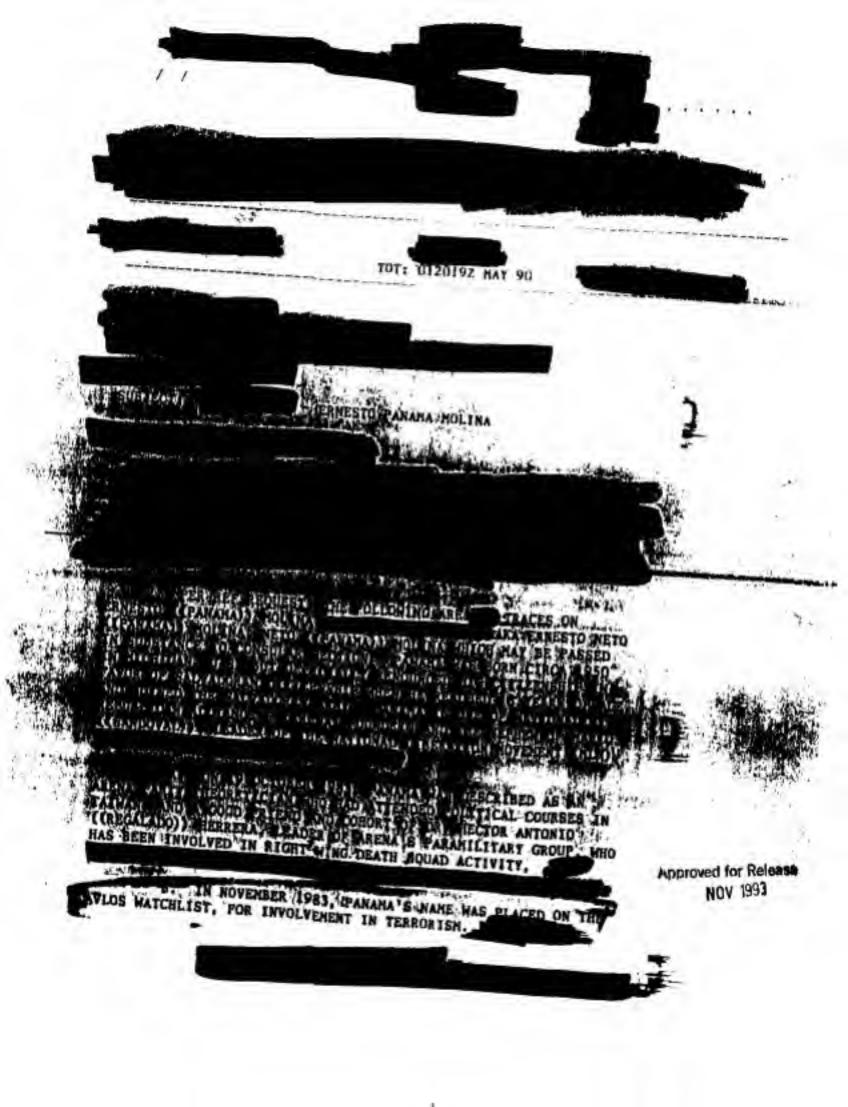
IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO WERE KILLED. THE GOVERNMENT RESPONDED BY BOMBING CIVILIAN TARGETS AND KILLING HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE SIX JESUIT PRIESTS. THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ARE AN INVITATION TO WAR. THUS, THE FALM MUST CONTINUE ITS MILITARY OFFENSIVE, ALTHOUGH IT WANTS TO END THE WAR TO AVOID GREATER SOCIAL, HUMAN, AND MATERIAL COST. GROUPS PURSUING THE SAME CAUSE MUST UNITE THEIR RESOURCES. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENT CHURCHES HAVE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF THE SCRIPTURE, THEY STILL WORK TO HELP THE POOR. THE FALM GENERAL COMMAND ENCOURAGES THE CHURCHES TO CONTINUE TO USE THEIR RESOURCES TO WORK TOWARD PEACE, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE FALM TO END THE WAR.

4. ON 5 FEBRUARY, IN A GENERAL NEWSLETTER TO PRIESTS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS IN EL SALVADOR, ARCHBISHOP OF EL SALVADOR ARTURO ((RIVERA Y DAMAS)) RESPONDED TO THE FALM HENDRANDUM DIRECTED AT THE CHURCH. IN REFERENCE TO THE DOCUMENT, THE ARCH-BISHOP SAID HE WANTED EVERYONE TO BE QUITE CLEAR ON WHAT HE, AS THE PASTOR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE, THOUGHT ON THE SUBJECT. HE WROTE THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS PROPAGAMDA: THAT IT SOUGHT TO WIN SYMPATHY FOR THE PHLN'S CAUSE IN THE WAKE OF THE KILLINGS OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS; AND THAT THE METHOD THE FILM USED WAS NOT CHRISTIAN. THE ARCHBISHOP ADDED THAT THE MARRIST-LENINIST IDEOLOGY OF THE FALN GENERAL COMMAND IS IN CRISIS WORLDWIDE. IT HAS NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE IN NICARAGUA, AND IN EASTERN EUROPE IT IS BEING COMPLETELY RESTRUCTURED. THE ARCHBISHOP SAID THE CHURCH BELIEVES THAT BUILDING INSTITUTIONS MORE HUMANI, MORE JUST, AND MORE RESPECTFUL OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN IS IMPORTANT. HOWEVER. HE SAID ONE MUST ALSO BE AWARE THAT EVEN THE BEST, MOST IDEAL SYSTEMS CAN QUICKLY BECOME INHUMANE, IF THE INHUMANE INCLINATIONS OF MAN ARE NOT CORRECTED.





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C. IN JULY 1989, PANAMA REPORTEDLY HAD ACTED AS ARENA LIAISON TO THE MLN IN GUATENALA FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND HAD RECENTLY RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR TO ESTABLISH A CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL INSTITUTE (NFI),

PARAMILITARY UNIT.



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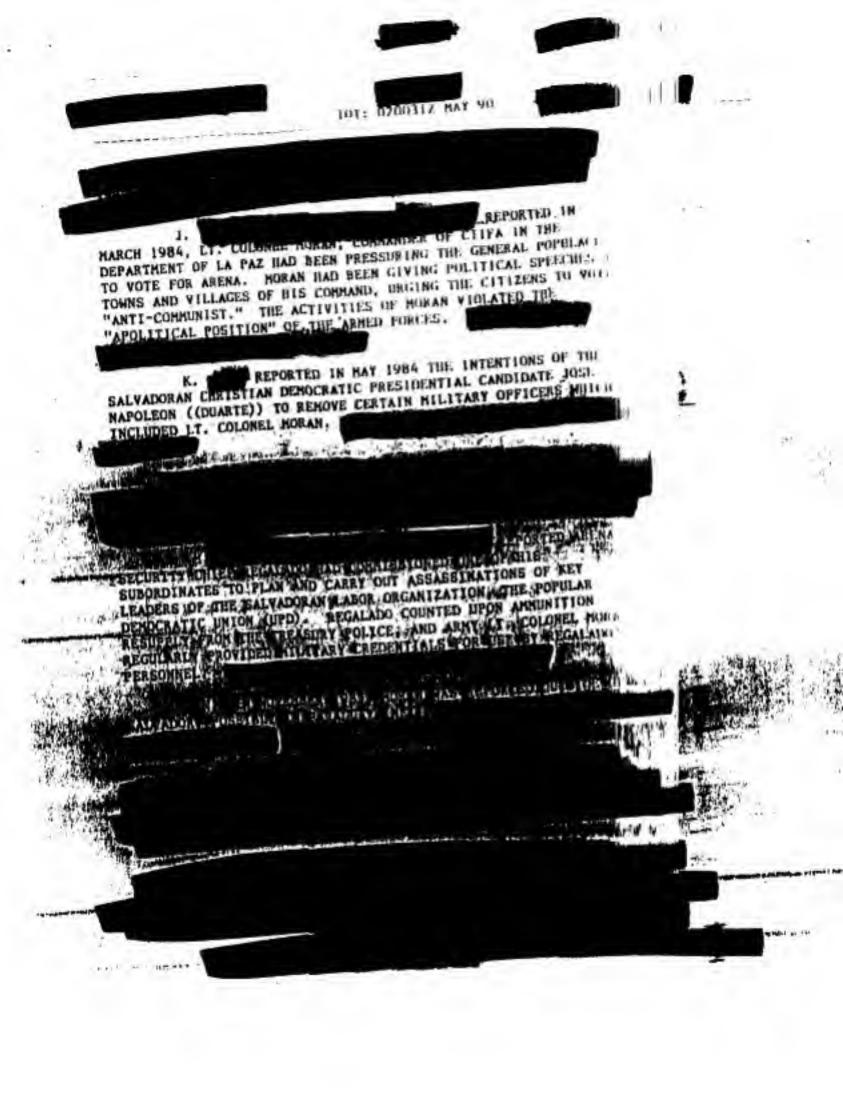
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SUSPECTED RIGHT WING TERRORIST GROUP WITH APPARENT LINKS TO RIGHTIST MILITARY OFFICERS. THE MILITARY OFFICERS IDENTIFIED INCLUDED MAJOR MORAN, WHO SUPPORTED THE ARMED PORCES CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE LEFT.

HORAN, FORMER HEAD OF THE NATIONAL GUARD'S INTELLIGENCE UNIT, DIRECTED A "DEATH SQUAD" FUNDED BY SALVADORAN BUSINESSMAN RICARDO ((SOL)) HESA, A LONGTIME LOYALIST OF ROBERTO ((D'AURUISSON)), FOUNDER AND HONORARY PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA). REPORTED SOL HESA AND HORAN USED THIS DEATH SQUAD TO KILL RODOLFO ((VIERA)), PORMER HEAD OF THE SALVADORAN AGRARIAN REPORM INSTITUTE (ISTA) AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR ON 4 JANUARY 1981. U.S. CITIZENS MIKE ((HARMER)) AND HARK ((PEARLHAN)) OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT (AIRFLD) MERE KILLED BECAUSE THEY HAPPENED TO BE WITH VIERA AT THE THE AND BECAUSE THEY SUPPORTED VIERA'S AGRARIAN REFORM ACTIVITIES SCHAMER AND PEAR(NAM APPARENTLY AGRARIAN AFFARENTLY AGRARIAN AFFARENT AGRARIAN AFFARENT AGRARIAN AFFARENT AGRARIAN AFFARENT AGRA

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SUBJECT: NEW TORK TIMES ARTICLE DN

TEXT FROM 7 MAY 1990 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: CRUCIAL EVIDENCE VANISHES IN CASE OF 6 SLAIN JESUITS. A SETBACK IN EL SALVADOR. FOUR SOLDIERS TIED TO INQUIRY ARE TRANSFERRED ABROAD - DISHAY GROWS IN U.S., BY LINDSEY GRUSON. SAN SALVADOR, HAY 6. SEVERAL VITAL PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT COULD HELP CONVICT A COLONEL CHARGED WITH THE SLAYING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO WOMEN IN NOVEMBER HAVE DISAPPEARED, SALVADORAN SUPREME COURT AND JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SAY.

COURT AUTHORITIES SAID AT LEAST FOUR SOLDIERS WITH POTENTIALLY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE WERE SENT ABROAD TO STUDY AND WERE UNAVAILABLE TO TESTIFY. TWO OTHER MAJOR WITNESSES HAVE FAILED TO APPEAR AS REQUIRED, THE OFFICIALS SAID.

SENIOR JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SAID THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE EVIDENCE AND THE FOUR SOLDIERS' TRANSFER ABROAD WERE A SEVERE AND POSSIBLY FATAL BLOW TO AN EXTREMELY WEAK CASE AGAINST THE COLONEL, GUILLERMO ALFREDO BENAVIDES MORENO,

COLONEL'S DIARY MISSING

JESUIT CASE

THE LOSS OF EVIDENCE ALSO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS THAT OTHER SENIOR COMMANDERS WERE INVOLVED IN OR TRIED TO COVER UP THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS, THEIR COOK AND HER DAUGHTER, SAID THE OFFICIALS, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED.

ONE PIECE OF MISSING EVIDENCE IS COL. BENAVIDES DIARY,



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WHICH JUDICIAL OFFICIALS HOPED WOULD BE USEFUL IN THE CASE AGAINST HIM. LIKE ALMOST ALL SENIOR SALVADORAN COMMANDERS, COL. BENAVIDES ALWAYS CARRIED A MOTEBOOK IN WHICH HE KEPT NOTES OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND OF THE MEETINGS HE ATTENDED. BUT THE DIARY HAS DISAPPEARED, THE OFFICIALS SAID.

THEY SAID THEY REQUESTED THE LOG OF A MILITARY SCHOOL FROM THE TRIBUNAL THAT INVESTIGATED THE SLAYING. BUT THE SUPREME COURT SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT THE TRIBUNAL REPLIED THAT THE LOG. IN WHICH THE NAME OF ANYONE ENTERING OR LEAVING THE CAMPUS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECORDED, HAD ALSO BEEN LOST. COL. BENAVIDES WAS THE HEAD OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND IN CHARGE OF THE ZONE WHERE THE KILLINGS TOOK PLACE.

FOUR SOLDIERS SENT ABROAD

THE FOUR SOLDIERS ON GUARD DUTY AT THE SCHOOL ON THE NIGHT OF THE SLAYINGS HAVE BEEN SENT ABROAD TO STUDY. THAT HAS MADE IT ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND DUT WHO WAS AT THE CAMPUS THAT NIGHT, A SETBACK TO EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER OTHER COMMANDERS BESIDES COL. BENAVIDES WERE INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS.

THE JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SAID THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE EVIDENCE IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF DESTACLES PLACED IN THE WAY OF THEIR INVESTIGATION. THEY SAID THE AUTHORITIES HAD PROVIDED ALMOST NO COOPERATION AND AT TIMES APPEARED TO BE DELIBERATELY OBSTRUCTIVE.

THE DISCLOSURE THAT EVIDENCE IS MISSING COMES AS IMPATIENCE WITH THE SLOW PACE OF THE INVESTIGATION IS BUILDING IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. IT IS LIKELY TO SPUR EFFORTS TO CUT UNITED STATES MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR, WHICH AMOUNTS TO S85 MILLION THIS YEAR, ALMOST A THIRD OF THE COUNTRY'S DEFENSE BUDGET.

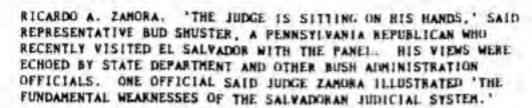
THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, WHO UNTIL NOW HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE CASE IN ANY DETAIL, DISCLOSED THE LOSS OF THE EVIDENCE AND THE SOLDIERS' TRANSFER TO AN EFFORT TO COUNTERACT CRITICISM HERE AND ABROAD THAT THEY HAVE BEEN INSUFFICIENTLY AGGRESSIVE IN THEIR INQUIRY.

DEMOCRATS CRITICIZE JUDGE

THAT HAS BEEN MONITORING THE INVESTIGATION LAST WEEK PLACED MOST OF THE BLAME FOR ITS SLOWNESS ON THE JUDGE IN CHARGE,



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BUT THE JUDGE, WHO HAS HANDLED SOME OF THE MOST SENSITIVE CASES IN EL SALVADOR IN RECENT TEARS, REJECTED THE CONTENTION THAT HE HAS BEEN LESS THAN VIGOROUS IN THE INVESTIGATION. HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE CASE IN DETAIL. BUT JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SAID THE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN SLOWED BY THE AUTHORITIES' LACK OF COOPERATION AND BY THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE CASE. THE OFFICIALS SAID JUDGE ZANDRA WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN THOSE WHO WANTED HIM TO HURRY SO THAT HE MADE A HAJOR MISTAKE AND THOSE WHO WANTED HIM TO SLOW DOWN SO THAT THE CASE COULD BE FORGOTTEN.

"I'M WALKING THE RAZOR'S EDGE," JUDGE ZAMORA SAID IN HIS ONLY ON-THE-RECORD COMMENTS ON THE INVESTIGATION.

U.S. AID COULD BE AT STAKE

THE CASE IS CONSIDERED THE MOST DELICATE IN SALVADORAN JUDICIAL HISTORY AND A VITAL TEST OF UNITED STATES-BACKED EFFORTS TO PORTIFY DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND PUT THE ARMED FORCES UNDER CIVILIAN CONTROL AND FORCE THEM TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS. THE MILITARY HAS LONG HAD A DE FACTO VETO OVER ALMOST ALL MAJOR GOVERNMENT DECISIONS.

AT STAKE, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY, MAY BE THE FUTURE OF UNITED STATES AID, WHICH SUSTAINS THE ALL-BUT-BANKRUPT SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN HALF THE BUDGET. PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI SAID LAST WEEK THAT EVEN

WHERE'S THE COLONEL'S DIARY? AND WHY WERE 4 MEN TRANSFERRED?

A SMALL CUT IN HILITARY AID WOULD HAVE A BROAD EFFECT THROUGH THE COUNTRY. HE SAID IT WOULD HEIGHTEN THE INTRANSIGENCE OF LEFTIST REBELS AT THE COMING PEACE TALKS AND FORCE A REDUCTION IN EL SALVADOR'S ALREADY STRAINED SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE SLAIN PRIESTS, THEIR COOK AND HER DAUGHTER WERE KILLED WITH HIGH-POWERED RIFLES BEFORE DAWN ON NOV. 16 AT THE JESUIT-RUN CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL. AT FIRST, MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ARMY

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COMMANDERS TRIED TO BLAME THE REBELS, WHO HAD BEGUN A MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN THE CAPITAL THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

COLONEL BENAVIDES AND SEVEN LOWER RANKING OFFICIALS WERE CHARGED WITH THE SLAYINGS IN JANUARY. BUT THERE IS STRONG DOUBT WHETHER THE COLONEL CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED. THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IS LARGELY LIMITED TO STATEMENTS BY SUBORDINATES THAT HE ORDERED THE KILLINGS. BUT CO-DEFENDANTS HERE ARE PROHIBITED FROM TESTIFYING AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER CHARGES CAN BE DROPPED AGAINST OTHER DEFENDANTS IN RETURN FOR THEIR TESTIMONY.

WESTERN DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE CLOSELY MONITORED THE CASE SAID NO CONVINCING EVIDENCE HAD BEEN UNCOVERED TO IMPLICATE OTHER OFFICERS BESIDES COLONEL BENAVIDES, THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER EVER CHARGED IN A HUMAN RIGHTS CASE HERE. THE DIPLOMATS SAID THE ARMY INVESTIGATION, ESPECIALLY THE FORENSIC WORK, WAS EXTREMELY WELL DONE-BUT ONLY AS FAR AS IT WENT.

TWO MEETINGS NOT INVESTIGATED

THE DIPLOMATS SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO SERIOLS
INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF AN ATTEMPTED COVER-UP BY THE
ARMY, WHICH IS RUN BY A TIGHTLY KNIT GROUP OF OFFICERS. THEY
ALSO CRITICIZED THE FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE WHAT HAPPENED AT TWO
MEETINGS-ONE HELD BY SENIOR COMMANDERS HOURS BEFORE THE
KILLINGS, THE OTHER SEVERAL HOURS AFTERWARD.

THE FIRST MEETING IS VITAL IN DETERMINING WHETHER COLONEL BENAVIDES ACTED UNDER ORDERS, AS HE HAS SOMETIMES SAID TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, OR WHETHER HE WENT BEYOND INSTRUCTIONS TO REDOUBLE ATTACKS ON REBEL STRONGHOLDS AND COMMANDERS, AS CONTENDED BY THE HIGH COMMAND. JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, WHO HAVE YET TO QUESTION MANY PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING, HAD HOPED THAT COLONEL BENAVIDES'S MISSING DIARY WOULD CLEAR UP THE DISPUTE.

SINCE THE SLAYINGS, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT SENIOR COMMANDERS AT THE MEETING WERE CLOSE TO PANICKING. SOME DIPLOMATS SAID THAT AND A DECISION TO TAKE THE MAR TO THE GUERRILLAS MAY HAVE CREATED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS WOULD BE TOLERATED, EVEN IF NOT DIRECTLY GROERED. OTHER DIPLOMATS AND SALVADORAN OFFICIALS SAY THEY BELIEVE THE SLAYING OF THE JESUITS, WHOM THE EXTREME RIGHT CONSIDERED REBEL SYMPATHIZERS WAS DIRECTLY ORDERED.

IN THE SECOND MEETING, A ROUTINE REUNION OF

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY CHEERED WHEN A JUNIOR OFFICER INTERRUPTED WITH NEWS OF THE SLAYINGS. DIPLOMATS SAY IT IS ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE THAT THE HIGH COMMAND DID NOT KNOW OF THE ARMY'S INVOLVEMENT WITHIN HOURS OF THE SLAYINGS. AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MEETING IN THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE COULD HELP SHOW WHO KNEW WHAT AND WHEN THEY KNEW IT. AND THAT, THE DIPLOMATS SAY, COULD SHOW IF THERE WAS AN ATTEMPTED COVER-UP. END OF QUOTE.

FOLLOWING IS CAPTION OF PHOTO: "WITH IMPORTANT WITNESSES UNAVAILABLE AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF VITAL EVIDENCE, HOPE IS FADING FOR THE CONVICTION OF A SALVADORAN ARMY COLONEL IN THE KILLING LAST YEAR OF SIX PRIESTS AND TWO MOMEN. AS A RESULT, MOMENTUM IS BUILDING IN CONGRESS TO CUT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRY. YESTERDAY WAS THE DAY OF THE SALVADORAN SOLDIER, AND AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION, RECRUITS WERE INDUCTED IN THE ARMY."





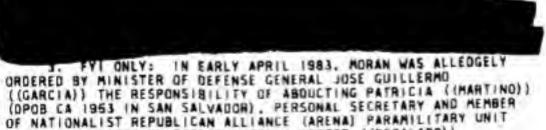


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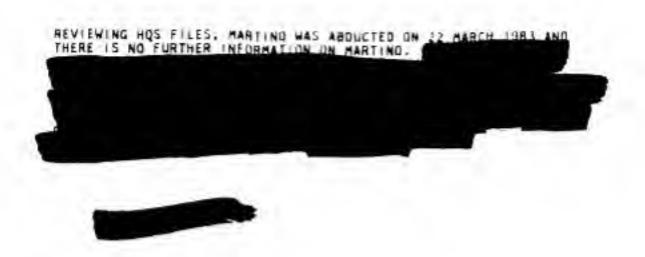
TREASURY POLICE, EL SALVADOR.

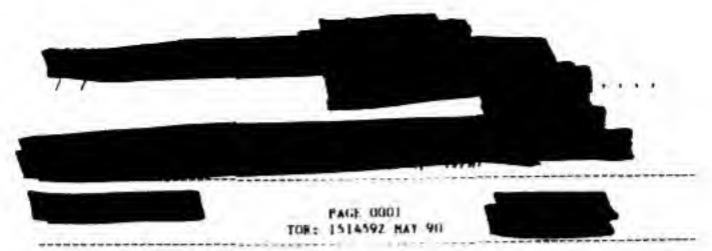
B. IN AUGUST 1983. COMMANDER IST BDE. COLONEL ADOLFO
O ((BLANDON)) HAD LEARNED THAT COLONEL MORAN.
CHIEF OF TREASURY POLICE AND DIRECTOR OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMISSION OF THE LEMPA RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (CEL) WAS
PLOTTING AGAINST BLANDON'S LIFE AND AGAINST COLONEL JUAN RAFAEL
((BUSTILLO)). SALVADORAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER. MORAN WAS A
CLOSE FRIEND OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER, GENERAL GARCIA AND
APPARENTLY RESENTED BLANDON'S WELL-KNOWN ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT
GARCIA'S REPLACEMENT.



OF NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARAMILITARY ONLY WHICH WAS HEADED BY DOCTOR ANTONIO HECTOR ((REGALADO)) CUELLAR. REGALADO BELIEVED GARCIA'S ACTION WAS PROMPTED BY ARENA LINKS WITH OFFICERS IN THE ARMED FORCES WHO FAVORED GARCIA'S REMOVAL AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE. REGALADO BELIEVED THAT GARCIA INTENDED TO HAVE MARTING INTERROGATED. IF THIS DOCCURRED, HE WAS AFRAID THAT MARTING WOULD REVEAL ARENA COMPLICIT IN VARIOUS ASSASSINATIONS TO WHICH SHE WAS PRIVY.

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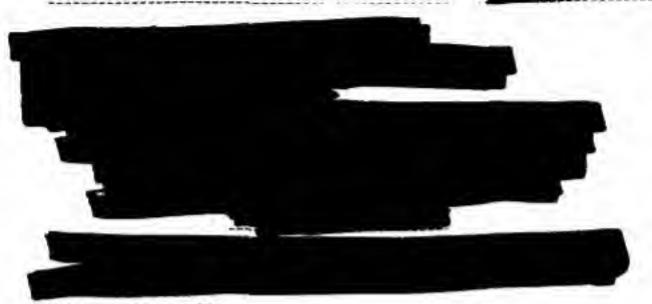
1. DURING THE APRIL 1990 FIDAE AIR SHOW IN CHILE, GENERAL (FNU) ((VIAMARIOSO)), CHIEF OF THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE, PRIVATELY TOLD A VISITING AMERICAN THAT IT WAS "STUPID" FOR THE SALVADORAN HILITARY TO HAVE KILLED THE JESUITS, BUT THEY "NEEDED KILLING."



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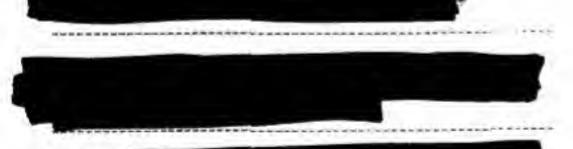
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JOINT GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS' EVALUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS BY FORMER COLONEL SIGIFRED) OCHOA PEREZ ON

THE NURDER OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS

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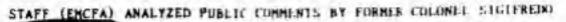


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2. IN LATE APRIL 1990 SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE JOINT GENERAL



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((OCHOA)) PEREZ, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE HYDROELECTRIC COMMISSION OF THE LEMPA RIVER (CEL), IN WHICH OCHOA STATED THAT SENIOR DEFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES MUST HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE MURDLE OF JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR IN NOVEMBER 1989. THE OFFICERS CONCLUDED THAT OCHOA SHOULD BE FIRED FROM THE CEL FOR SLANDERING THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT (GOES) AND THE ARMED FURCES (ESAF). AT THE SAME TIME, THEY RECOGNIZED THAT FIRING OCHOA HOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO LABOR DIFFICULTIES AT CEL, AND POSSIBLY WITHIN LABOR AS A MIGGIL.

- 3. THE OFFICERS AGREED THAT OCHOA'S COMMENTS REPRESENT A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE GOES AND THE ESAF FOR SEVERAL REASONS: FIRST, OCHOA IS ONE OF THE THREE HOST WIDELT KNOWN AND RESPECTED HILITARY FIGURES IN EL SALVADOR, ALONG WITH FORMER MAJOR HUBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) AND DECEASED LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOMINGO ((MONTERROSA)); SECOND, OCHOA HAS A REPUTATION AS AN ANTI ESTABLISHMENT FIGURE WILLING TO CONFRONT DIFFICULT ISSUES; THIRD, HE OCCUPIES AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT POSITION, AND IS CLUSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTREME RIGHT WING OF THE GOVERNING NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARTY. THEREFORE, THE ENCYA OFFICERS AGRICED THAT OCHOA IS SEEN AS A CREDIBLE, HIGH LEVEL SOURCE BY THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS. THE FACT THAT OCHOA IS A DISCREDITED FIGURE WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE IRRATIONAL BY SENIOR MILITARY AND POLITICAL CIRCLES IS NOT WIDELY KNOWN: HIS REMARKS THEREFORE HAVE A CREDIBILITY UNMATCHED BY THOSE OF OTHER OFFICIALS. THE OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT WHILE FIRING OCHOA HIGHT ENHANCE HIS CREDIBILITY, IGNORING THE ISSUE WILL ENHANCE IT EVEN HORE.
- 4. THE ENCFA OFFICERS ALSO AGREED THAT WHILE OCHOA SHOULD GO,
 THIS WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO LABOR PROBLEMS; EVEN IF HE DID NOT
 ENCOURAGE LABOR UNREST IN CEL, EXISTING TENSIONS THERE WOULD CAUSE
 PROBLEMS FOR THE GOES. THEREFORE, THE OFFICERS AGREED THAT THE GOES,
 AND NOT THE ESAF, SHOULD MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON OCHOA'S FATE.
- APRIL PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) MET WITH CALDERON, OCHOA, AND D'AUBUISSON TO DISCUSS OCHOA'S REMARKS. CALDERON OPENED THE DISCUSSION WITH HARSH CRITICISH OF OCHOA, ACCUSING OCHOA OF CREATING A DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR CRISTIANI AND ARENA. CALDERON POINTED OUT THAT OCHOA'S COMMENTS HOULD WORSEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ESAF AND THE GOVERNMENT, AND RAISED SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST THE HOST SENIOR ESAF OFFICERS.
 - 7. CRISTIANI THEN SAID HE REALIZED OCHOA'S

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IMPRESSION THAT OCHOA WAS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE STATEMENTS IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT THE ESAF. OCHOA THEN OFFERED TO RESIGN FROM THE CEL.

CRISTIANI SAID IMMEDIATELY THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT OCHOA'S RESIGNATION.

- ADVISING HIM THAT POLITICALLY, ACCEPTING OCHOA'S RESIGNATION WOULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MILITARY HAD FORCED CRISTIANI TO FIRE OCHOA.

 IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CIRCLES THE IMPRESSION IS THAT THE MILITARY ACTUALLY BUNS THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT, AND ACCEPTING OCHOA'S RESIGNATION WOULD ONLY CONFIRM THIS IMPRESSION.
- OPTIONS: FIRST, ACCEPT OCHOA'S RESIGNATION AND THE LIKELY POLITICAL FALLOUT; SECOND, LEAVE OCHOA AS CEL PRESIDENT; AND THIRD, WAIT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME AND THEN REPLACE OCHOA. CRISTIANI CHOSE THIS THIRD OPTION, SAYING HE WOULD ACCEPT OCHOA'S RESIGNATION ONLY AFTER AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS HAD PASSED. ACCORDING TO CALDERON, D'AUBUISSON DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE CONVERSATION.
- COMMENT: THE ESAF HAS PUBLICLY DENOUNCED OCHOA'S COMMENTS ON THE JESUIT CASE, AND BOTH THE ESAF AND PRESIDENT CRISTIANI CALLED ON OCHOA OF ANY OTHER PERSON WITH INFORMATION ON THE CASE TO PRESENT THE INFORMATION TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.)





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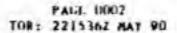


- 2. DUE TO THE HIGH INTEREST IN INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE JESUIT MUNDER CASE, BELLEVE BE DISSEMED IN INTEL FORRAT.
- 3. INFORMATION APPEARS TO BE WELL-SOURCED AND HAS A RING OF TAUTH. LT. COLONEL CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) WAS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF THE JESUIT MURDERS AND HAS NOT BEEN NAMED IN ANY WAY IN THE CASE, AT LEAST UP UNTIL NOW.

HERNANDEZ WAS TRANSFERRED TO BE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE BELLOSO BATTALION IN EARLY MARCH 1990. HE IS A PAVORITE OF CRIEF OF STAFF RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)) AND, IN A MUCH TALKED ABOUT RECENT SHUFFLING OF CLASS RANKINGS, JUMPED CONSIDERABLY TO BECOME NUMBER ONE IN HIS CLASS.

4. COLONEL JOSE MARIO ((GODINEZ)) CASTILLO'S KEMARKS THAT COLONEL ROBERTO ((PINEDA)) GUERRA KNOWS OF PONCE'S PROTECTION OF HERNANDEZ IS POSSIBLE. IN FACT, COLONEL PINEDA WAS GIVEN A BRIGADE COMMAND (CHALATENANGO) AND IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT PINEDA IS VERY AMBITIOUS AND OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OF THE CURRENT ESAF







LEADERSHIP ("TANDONA"). IT IS ALSO CREDIBLE THAT PONCE WOULD SAY THAT PINEDA GAINED HIS PROMINENCE THROUGH HIS CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH "THE COMPANY AND SQUE SENATORS." PINEDA WAS THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE STATION-SUPPORTED NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL, AND BEFORE THAT WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DNI).



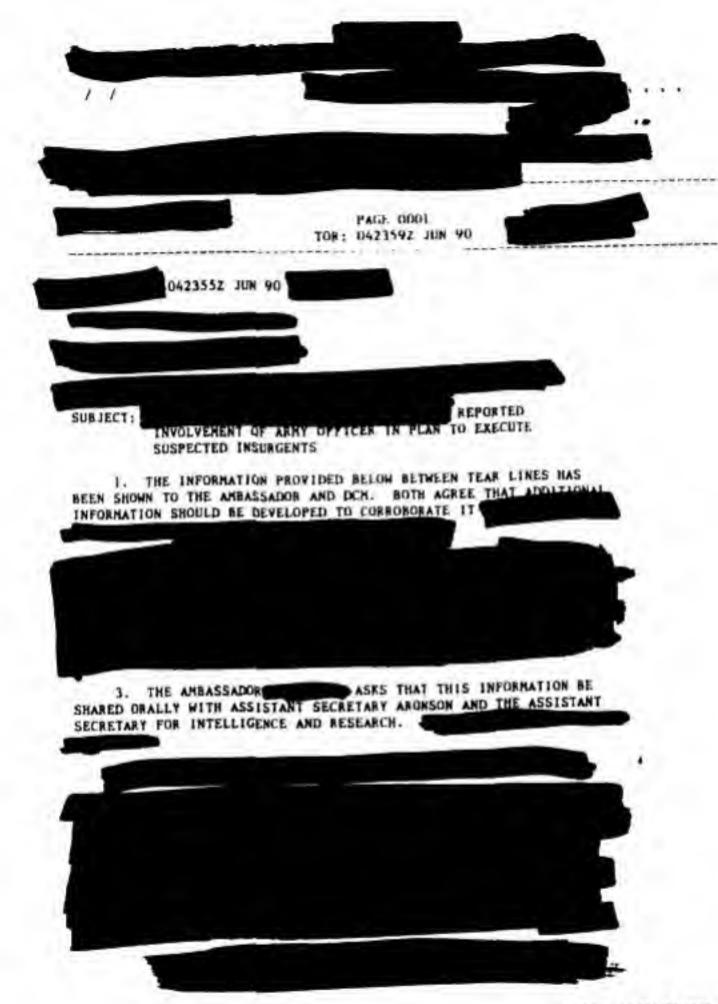




N ARTICLE IN THE 29 HAY 90 EDITION OF THE "RIAH! HERALD," SOURCING THE PAPER'S WIRE SERVICES. IT REPORTS THAT POSSIBLE KEY EVIDENCE IN THE SLAYING OF THE JESUITS MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, ACCORDING TO THE COURT. ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS, L1. TUSSHT BENE ((MENDOZA)), REMOVED LOGS RECORDING MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF THE HILITARY ACADEMY THE NIGHT OF THE HURDERS AND ALLEGEDLY BURNED THEN LAST DECEMBER. THE COURT SAID THAT THE ACADEMY'S THEN-DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MAJ. (SIC) CARLOS CANILO ((HERNANDEZ)) ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE LOGS WHICH COULD SHOW WHO

WAS IN THE ACADEMY THE NIGHT OF THE KILLINGS.





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SUBJ: ARMY OFFICER'S PLAN TO ARREST AND EXECUTE INSURGENTS

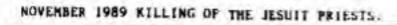
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- 2. ON 12 DECEMBER 1989, MAJOR JUAN VICENTE ((EGUIZABAL))
 FIGUEROA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE C-II (INTELLIGENCE) OF THE SALVADORAN
 GENERAL STAFF, ORDERED THAT A LIST OF FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL
 LIBERATION FRONT (PMLN) INSURGENTS AND SYMPATHIZERS BE PREPARED.
 THE LIST WAS TO BE PREPARED BY RESEARCHING INACTIVE ARCHIVES OF
 KNOWN COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS AS WELL AS BY UTILIZING CURRENT
 INFORMATION. EGUIZABAL'S INTENTION WAS TO USE THE LIST AS THE
 BASIS FOR A CLANDESTINE CAMPAIGN TO PHYSICALLY ELIMINATE THE
 LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT APPARATUS OF THE FMLN.
- 3. ALTHOUGH THE LIST WAS PREPARED, EGUIZABAL DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH WITH HIS PLAN BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE



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5. IN APRIL 1990 THEN LT. COLONEL EGUIZABAL APPROACHED A MEMBER OF THE C-II AND SAID BE HAD BEEN DRDERED TO IDENTIFY 200 FALN INSURGENTS AND SYMPATHIZERS WHO WERE TO BE DETAINED. THOSE DETAINED WOULD NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES FOR INVESTIGATION, AS BEQUIRED BY SALVADORAN LAW, BUT WOULD BE INTERROGATED IN CLANDESTINE JAILS, THEN EXECUTED. COMMENT: IN THE EARLY 1980'S EGUIZABAL PARTICIPATED IN THE CLANDESTINE ARBEST AND ELECUTION OF SUSPECTED FALM





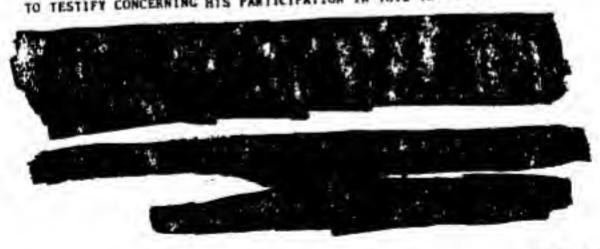
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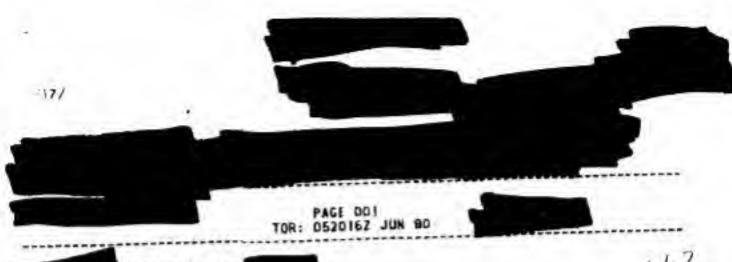


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A STORY ON THE JESUIT NURDER CASE WHICH MENTIONS HAJOR CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) AS POSSIBLY IMPLICATED IN THE CASE.
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU) DETERMINED THAT HAJOR HERBANDEZ HAD CONTROL OF THE MISSING LOG BOOKS FROM THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND, SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD 1-16 DECEMBER 1989, RELIBQUISHED THE LOG BOOKS TO LT.
YUSSHY RENE ((MENDOZA)). ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, LT. MENDOZA ALLEGEDLY TOOK THE LOG BOOKS AND HAD THEM INCINERATED. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT JUDGE BICARDO ((ZAMORA)), MIO BEMAINS THE PRESIDING JUDGE ON THIS CASE, INTENDS TO CALL MAJOR HERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY CONCERNING HIS PARTICIPATION IN THIS INCIDENT.



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SUBJECT: 16 MAY 1990 MEETING

DISCUSS, AMONG DINER TOPICS, THE
STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS.

BEGAN BY DISCUSSING THE IMPACT THE CASE HAS HAD
ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.G. AND THE GOES, AND THE IMPACT
IT MAY HAVE ON U.S. AID TO EL SALVADOR.

AMONG MOST OF THE OFFICER CORPS IS THAT AID WILL BE CUT TO
SOME DEGREE REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE, GIVEN THE
EVENTS IN NICARAGUA AND EASTERN EUROPE.

GENERAL STAFF THE NIGHT BEFORE THE JESUITS WERE KILLED. HE SAID THE MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COMMAND WERE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT THE DUTCOME OF THE OFFENSIVE, WHILE THOSE COMMANDERS WHO WERE DDING THE FIGHTING BELIEVED THEY WOULD WIN. SAID THAT AT THAT MEETING THE DECISION WAS MADE TO COUNTERATTACK INTO THE AREAS HELD BY THE INSURGENTS, AS THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO DRIVE AREAS HELD BY THE INSURGENTS, AS THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO DRIVE THEM OUT. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WOULD BE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. HOWEVER. STRESSED THAT AT NO POINT, WHILE HE WAS PRESENT, DID ANYONE GUGGEST KILLING THE JESUITS, OR TAKING ANY STEPS BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF LEGALITY. THE SUBJECT OF A TRUCE CAME UP, AND ALL PRESENT AGREED THAT THE INSURGENTS HAD STARTED THE OFFENSIVE AND THE ARMED FORCES WOULD FIGHT UNTIL IT WAS OVER. AND WOULD NOT ACCEPT A TRUCE. ALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK HIS INFANTRY UNIT COULD TAKE ITS OBJECTIVE WITHOUT SUPPORT, SO HE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED ARMORED UNITS TO SUPPORT HIM.

DIONISIO ((MACHUCA)) LED THE GROUP IN PRAYER, AND ASKED FOR GOD'S PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIANS CAUGHT UP IN THE FIGHTING. SAID THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS COMMAND POST TO BRIEF HIS OFFICERS ON THEIR MISSIONS. HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

ARMED FORCES TACTICAL RADIO NET THAT THE JESUITS HAD BEEN KILLED.
HE BELIEVED AT FIRST THAT THE FMLN HAD COMMITTED THE KILLINGS.
BECAUSE THE DEATHS WOULD NOT AID THE GOES IN ANY WAY. IN ADDITION,
HE SAID THAT WHEN THE NEWS OF THE KILLINGS WAS BROADCAST LATER
OVER THE COMMERCIAL RADIO, HE WAS TOLD BY HIS OFFICERS IN THE FRONT

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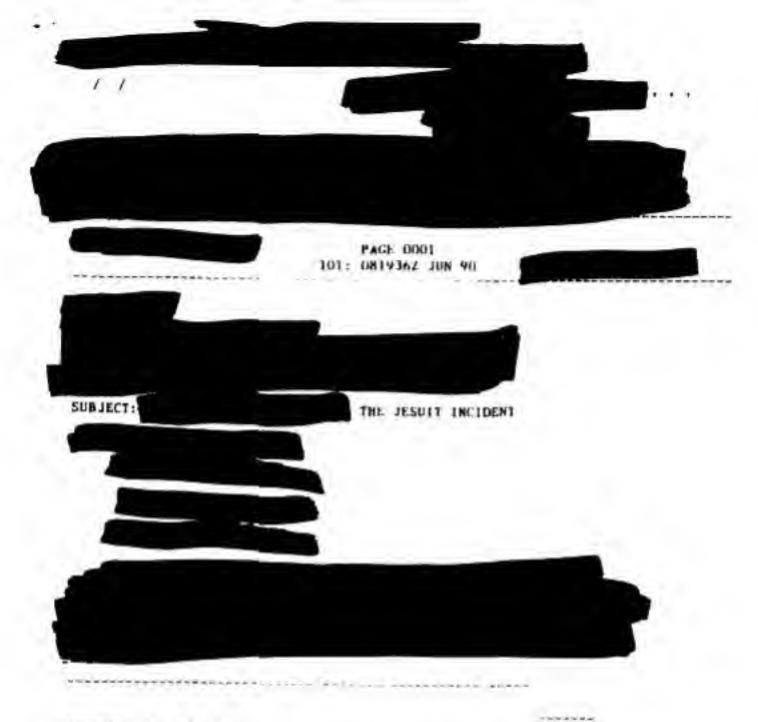
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LINES THAT THE INSURGENTS OPPOSITE THEM BEGAN CHEERING AND CLAPPING, WHICH REINFORCED HIS BELIEF THAT THE FMLN WAS RESPONSIBLE.

- G. SAID THE FEELING AMONG THE OFFICERS HE HAS SPOKEN WITH IS THAT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE JESUIT KILLINGS SHOULD CONTINUE AND THOSE FOUND GUILTY SHOULD BE PUNISHED. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE SALVADORAN LEGAL SYSTEM IS SLOW AND CUMBERSOME, AND TO TRY TO RUSH THE PROCESS MAY LEAD TO ERRORS, SUCH AS AN INCOMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF ALL PERSONS INVOLVED. HE SAID THE U.S.G. SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS AND NOT TRY TO PRESSURE THE GOES INTO REACHING A HURRIED, AND POSSIBLY FLAWED, CONCLUSION. HE SAID HIS PERSONAL OPINION, BASED ON HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)), IS THAT PONCE DID NOT RPT NOT ORDER THE KILLINGS. HE IS LESS CERTAIN ABOUT COLONEL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA)).
- OF THE "TANDONA" HELD A PARTY AT A HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR TO CELEBRATE THE SALVADORAN "DAY OF THE SOLDIER," AND THE PARTY EVENTUALLY MOVED TO PONCE'S HOUSE. DURING THE PARTY, MEMBERS OF THE TANDONA SAID THAT PONCE MUST BECOME MINISTER OF DEFENSE (MOD) IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TANDONA. FINDS THIS DISTRESSING, SINCE HE HAD HOPED PONCE'S PROMOTION TO MOD WOULD ALLOW PONCE TO REMOVE FROM COMMAND POSITIONS THOSE MEMBERS OF THE TANDONA WHO ARE CORRUPT, INCOMPETENT, OR BOTH. HE IS CONCERNED THAT THIS MEETING, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS HELD AT PONCE'S HOUSE, INDICATES THAT PONCE WILL NOT "CLEAN HOUSE," WHICH COULD LEAD TO DISCONTENT AMONG LOWER RANKING OFFICERS. TO SAID REMOVING TANDONA MEMBERS WILL IMPROVE THE IMAGE AND CAPABILITY OF THE ARMED FORCES INSTITUTION, AS WELL AS OPEN UP PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR DTHER OFFICERS, SO TANDONA MEMBERS FACING REMOVAL SHOULD NOT COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF JUNIOR OFFICERS.
- B. RETURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF CUTS IN AID. SAID MANY OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT IF AID IS CUT THE US MILITARY ADVISORS SHOULD BE REMOVED, SINCE THEIR EXPENSES ARE DEDUCTED FROM THE AID MONEY.
- B. ALSO COMMENTED ON THE SERIES OF MEETINGS PONCE AND DEPUTY CHTEF OF STAFE COLONEL GUILLERMO ((RUBIO)) HAVE HAD WITH JUNIOR OFFICERS. SAID THE MEETING ON MONDAY, 14 MAY WAS DISTURBING TO PONCE AND RUBIO BECAUSE THE OFFICES DID NOT SEEM INTERESTED IN PONCE'S TALK, AND ASKED VERY FEW QUESTIONS. ON TUESDAY 15 MAY MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL HUMBERTO ((LARIOS)) SPOKE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF, AND THOSE PRESENT THOUGHT HIS REMARKS SOUNDED LIKE A FAREWELL SPEECH. TOOK THIS, COUPLED WITH THE TANDONA PARTY AT PONCE'S HOUSE, TO MEAN THAT LARIOS WOULD SOON BE REPLACED BY PONCE.





COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS THAT SALVADORAN CHIEF OF JOINT GENERAL STAFF PROTECTED A MILITARY OFFICER FROM PROSECUTION IN THE JESUIT MURDER CASE

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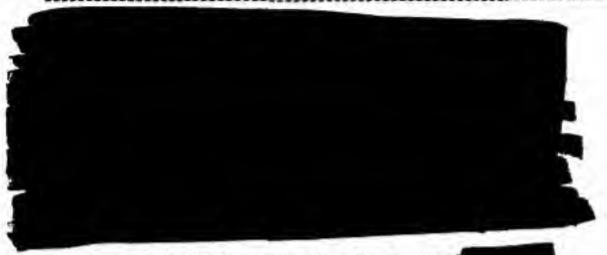
ARMED FORCES (ESAF) CHIEF OF STAFF RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)) PROTECTED LT. COL. CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) FROM PROSECUTION IN THE JESUIT MURDER CASE. HERNANDEZ. OFFICER WHO ASSENBLED ALL THE OFFICERS WHO ARE NOW LINDER ARREST IN COMMENT: THE SOURCE DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT THE JESUIT CASE. WAS MEANT BY HERNANDEZ ASSEMBLING THE OFFICERS.) COMMENT: HERNANDEZ WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF THE JESUIT HUBBERS AND HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN NAMED IN ANY WAY IN THE CASE. HERNANDEZ WAS TRANSFERRED TO BE DEPUTY CONTANDER OF THE BELLOS BATTALION IN EARLY MARCH 1990. HE IS A FAVORITE OF PONCE AND, IN A MUCH TALKED ABOUT RECENT SHUFFLING OF CLASS RANKINGS, HIMPED CONSIDERABLY TO BECOME NUMBER ONE IN HIS CLASS.) COMMENT: THE JESUIT MURDER CASE REFERS TO THE MURDERS OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO LAY INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE MURDERED ON THE NIGHT OF 16 NOVEMBER 1989 BY MILITARY TROOPS. IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHO ORDERED THE SOLDIERS TO CONNIT THE MURDERS AND AN INVESTIGATION IS STILL ENSUING.)

HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE PROMINENCE THAT COL. ROBERTO ((PINEDA))
GUERRA HAD OBTAINED THROUGH HIS CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH SOME U.S.
OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS. HE SAID PINEDA KNEW THAT PUNCE HAD
PROTECTED HERNANDEZ AND FEARED THAT PINEDA HOULD USE THIS INFO TO
HARM PONCE AND CLEAR HIS (PINEDA'S) HAY TO THE TOP.

COMMENT: COL. PINEDA HAS RECENTLY GIVEN COMMAND OF THE FOURTH
BRIGADE IN CHALATENANGO, AND IT IS HELL KNOWN THAT PINEDA IS VERY
AMBITIOUS AND OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OF THE CURRENT ESAF LEADERSHIP
("TANDONA"). HE WAS THE FIRST DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL
INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL AND BEFORE THAT WAS THE DEPUTY DIRCTOR OF THE
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DNI).)



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4. THE POLLOWING TIDRITS MAY BE OF INTEREST!

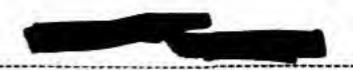
WORK IN GOOD HEALTH, REPORTED THAT PONCE "LOOKS LIKE HELL,"
AND CLEARLY SHOWS HIS RECENT TRAUMA.

B. RESIGNATION OF SIU DIRECTOR MANUEL ANTONIO
((RIVAS)): RIVAS LEFT OUT OF FRUSTRATION. CHARGES BY THE
JUSTICE MINISTER OF MISMANAGEMENT OF SIU FUNDS WERE THE LAST
STRAW: HOWEVER THE ASSIGNMENT OF LT. COL JOSE EDUARDO ((ANGEL))
ORELLANA, AN EICELLENT OFFICER, AS NEW COMMANDER OF THE BIRI
ATLACATL, INDICATED THAT THE EMC IS INTENT ON TREATING THIS
CONTROVERSIAL UNIT AS IF NO PROBLEMS EXISTED. RIVAS COMPLAINS
THAT EFFORTS TO GET ESAF COOPERATION IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF
THE JESUIT KILLING HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY FRUSTRATED BY THE EMC.



D. THE 1973 TANDA, WHICH INCLUDES LT. COL JUAN VICENTE ((EQUIZABAL)) FIGUEROA AND LT. COL CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)), ENJOYS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TANDON; (CAMILO 15 A PONCE FAVORITE - HE WAS JUST GIVEN A HERITORIOUS AWARD EVEN THOUGH AS DEPT COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL HE WAS SUSPECT IN THE JESUIT CASE.)

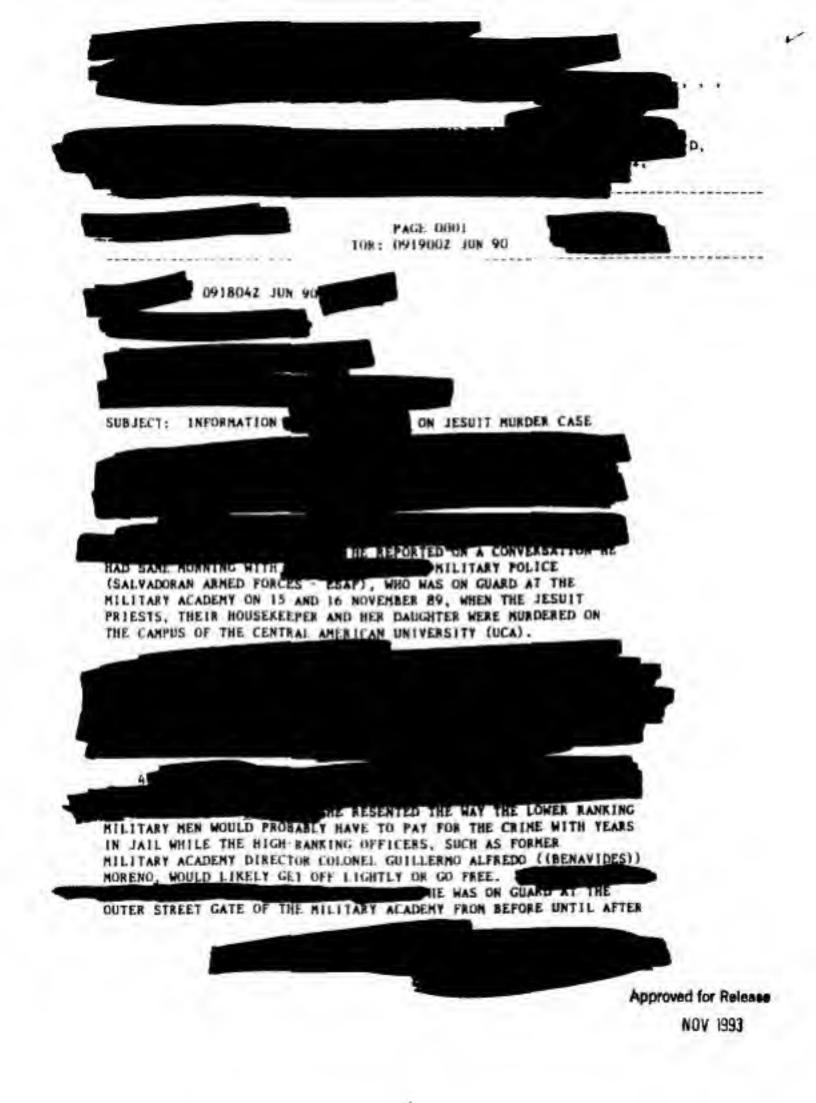
E. D'AUBUISSON IS LOSING POWER WITHIN ARENA,



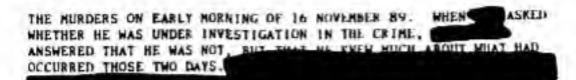
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PICKING UF THE FORMER D'AUBUISSON SUPPORTERS, NOR IS COL (RET) OCHOA NOR SAN SALVADOR MAJOR CALDERON SOL. THE YOUNGER ARENA MILITANTS ARE INCREASINGLY INDEPENDENT, AND THEIR ALLEGIANCE UP FOR GRABS.

F. THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION,
DR. JOSE ARMANDO ((PENA)) ARQUETA, WHO WAS ASSASSINATED ON
4 JUNE WAS PREPARING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST TWO AIR FONCE
OFFICERS ACCUSED OF EXTORTION AND THEFT. ABOUT THREE DAYS
BEFORE HE WAS KILLED HE PRESENTED PRELIMINARY CHARGES.



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- 5. DUTY FOR A 24-HOUR PERIOD THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT OF 15 NOVEMBER. AT ABOUT 7:00 PM ON 15 NOVEMBER, HE SAID. ATLACATE THEOLATE REACTION BATTALION (BIRI) 2ND LIEUTENANT GONZALO ((GUEVARA)) CERRITOS (WHO IS ONE OF THE OFFICIALS UNDER DETENTION FOR THE HURDERS) ORDERED HIM AND ABOUT SEVEN OTHER HILITARY POLICE GUARDS TO COME WITH HIM. GUEVARA CERRITOS TOLD THE GROUP THEY WERE COING TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACADEMY (CETIPOL) IN SANTA TECLA TO PICK UP SOME UNIFORMS. WE AND THE OTHERS WENT ALONG WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED AND RECEIVED ABOUT 15 BOXES OF BRAND NEW CAMOUFLAGE UTILITY UNIFORMS FROM THE ACADEMY DIRECTOR COLONEL RIGORERTO ((SOTO)) SOTO CALLED OUT TO HARTINEZ. AS THEY DEPARTED. AND THE THE GROUP, "DON'T FAIL IN YOUR MISSION." OTHERS DID NOT KNOW TO WHAT HE REFERRED, BUT ASKED NO QUESTIONS.
- 6. UPON RETURNING WITH THE UNIFORMS TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY, LT. GUEVARA CERRITOS PASSED OUT THE NEW UNIFORMS TO A GROUP OF BIRI ATLACATL TROOPS WHO WERE AT THE ACADEMY. THIS GROUP WAS CLUSTERED AROUND THE ACADEMY SOCCER FIELD, WHERE THEY PUT ON THE UNIFORMS AND THEN BEGAN TO SHEAR CAMOUFLAGE PAINT ON THEIR FACES, DON BLACK GLOVES AND CHECK THEIR WEAPONS. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE HILITARY ACADEMY, LT. COLONEL CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) HAD TAKEN CHARGE OF THE BIRL ATLACATI GROUP, WHO SAID HE WAS STILL PRESENT AFTER ACCORDING. TO HELPING PASS OUT THE UNIFORMS. SAID THAT HERNANDEZ WAS WALKING AMONG THE ATLACATE TROOPS AS THEY PREPARED THEMSELVES. SAID HE NATURALLY OVER-OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT, WHITE MERNANDEZ TOLD THE MEN, "YOU HAVE HEARD. BEEN CHOSEN FOR THIS SPECIAL MISSION BECAUSE YOU ARE THE BRAVEST AND YOU WILL BE REWARDED."
- GUARD POST AND REMAINED THERE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF 15-16
 MOVEMBER; HE SAID HE LEARNED OF THE JESUIT MURDERS IN THE EARLY
 MORNING HOURS OF 16 NOVEMBER. AT ABOUT 0900
 COL. BENAVIDES, WHO HAD BEEN UP AND IN RADIO CONTACT WITH
 UNIDENTIFIED UNITS ALL NIGHT LONG AT THE HILITARY ACADEMY,
 GATHERED TOGETHER ALL THE HILITARY SCHOOL INSIDE GUARD PERSONNEL

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AS WELL AS THE HILITARY POLICE FROM OUTSIDE THE GATE.

COL. BENAVIDES ORDERED THE GROUP TO HAINTAIN TOTAL

SILENCE ABOUT THE HURDERS. HE INSISTED THAT NO ONE SAY ANYTHING
ABOUT ANYTHING TO ANYONE OR, "WE'RE ALL DEAD."

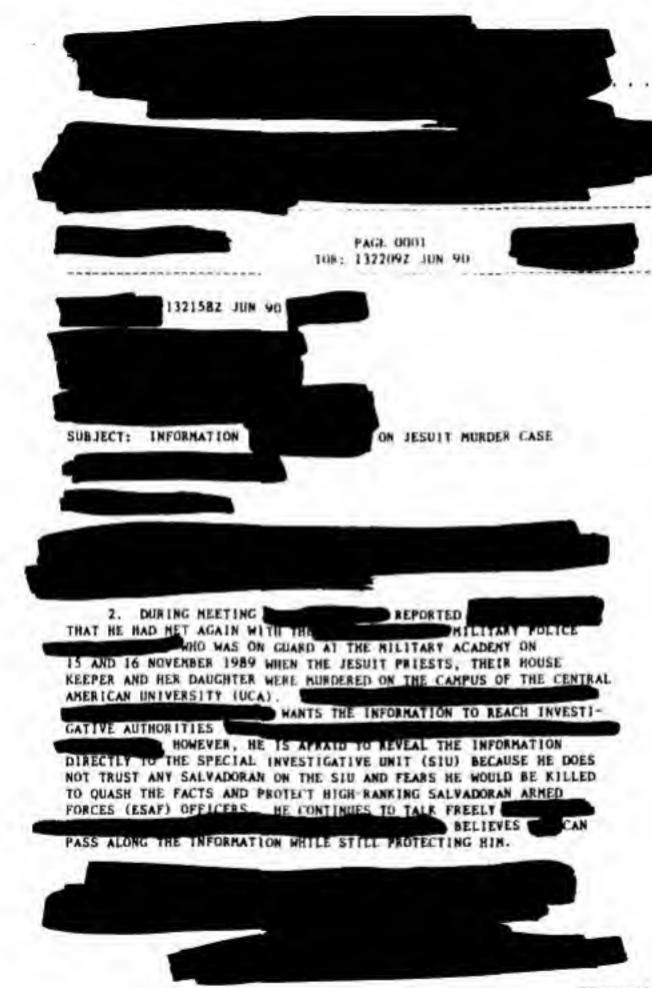
COL. BENAVIDES TOLD THE GROUP THAT THE OFFICIAL STORY TO

WHICH THEY WOULD ALL STICK ON THE RILLINGS WAS THAT INSURGENT
GUERRILLA FORCES HAD INFILTRATED THE UCA CAMPUS AND MURDERED
THE JESUITS AND TWO LAY WOMEN. BEYOND THIS, THEY WERE TO KEEP
THEIR MOUTHS SHUT.

- FROM SIU DID GATHER THE GROUP OF RILITARY POLICE TOGETHER AND QUESTIONED THEN TOGETHER ABOUT WHAT THEY KNEW OF THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS. ALL SAID THEY KNEW NOTHING AND HAD SEEN NOTHING. THE MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED WITH ANY OF THEM.

 AND HE HAD NOT SPOKEN OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVENTS UNTIL NOW.
- 9. IN ADDITION TO THESE SPECIFIC EVENTS. BECAUSE HE WAS ON DUTY THE WHOLE DAY AND NIGHT FROM 15-16 NOVEMBER, HE NOT ONLY REMEMBERS ALL THOSE WHO PASSED THROUGH THE GATES OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY, BUT ALSO KNOWS THAT THERE EXISTS A SEPARATE MILITARY POLICE LOG FROM THE ONE. BURNED BY LT. YUSSHY RENE ((MENDOZA)) WITH ENTRIES OF ALL THE VEHICLES, LICENSE PLATES AND PERSONS WHO CAME AND WENT DURING THE MILITARY POLICE THOSE 24 HOURS. ALHAYS KEEP SUCH A RECORD IN THE GUARDHOUSE JUST OUTSIDE THE GATE TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY BUT NO ACADEMY OFFICERS EVEN SEE IT AND IT IS SIGNED OFF ON BY ONLY LOW-RANKING BILITARY POLICE THIS LOG FOR THOSE TWO THEMSELVES. DAYS IS STILL AT THE GUARD POST. HE SAID THAT NO ONE EVER REQUESTED TO CHECK THIS LOG NOR EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT ITS EXISTENCE.
 - TOURING THE DAY OF 15 NOVEMBER
 ALL OF THE HILITARY HIGH COMMOND, INCLUDING HINISTER OF DEFENSE,
 GENERAL RAFAEL HUMBERTO ((LARIOS)) LOPEZ; CHIEF OF THE JOINT
 GENERAL STAFF, COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)); THEN-MILITARY
 ACADEMY DIRECTOR, COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES))
 MORENO; THEN-ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY, LT. COLONEL
 CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)); MATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL,
 DIONISIO ISMAEL ((MACHUCA)); THEN-AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL,
 JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)); AND OTHERS ALL CAME AND MENT DURING
 THE DAY OF 15 NOVEMBER.





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4. IN CHRONOLOGICAL DRDER, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT WHAT HE OBSERVED AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY ON 15 AND 16 NOVEMBER 90. ABOUT THE GATHERING OF HIGH MANKING MILITARY OFFICERS AT THE SCHOOL ON THE AFTERNOON OF 15 NOVEMBER. TE SPECIFICALLY REMEMBERS THAT THEY ALL BEGAN

TO ARRIVE AT ABOUT 2:00 P.M., BEGINNING WITH CHIEF OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF, COLONEL RENE ENTLIG ((PONCE)), WHO CAME IN WITH TWO JEEP CHEROKEES WITH POLARIZED WINDOWS. IN SHORT ORDER, OTHERS ARRIVED INCLUDING: THEN AIR FORCE COMMANDER, GENERAL JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)); THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL POLICE (PN), COLONEL DIGNISIO ISMAEL ((MACHUCA)); FIRST BRIGADE COMMANDER, COLONEL FRANCISCO ((ELENA)) FUENTES; THEN-DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TREASURY POLICE, LIEUTENANT COLONEL HERIBERTO ((HERNANDEZ)) HERNANDEZ, WHO ARBIVED WITH A CAPTAIN FAU COMMENT: PROBABLY THEN CEAT COMMANDER CAPTAIN JOSE ALFONSO ((CHAVEZ)) GARCIA); THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN), COLONEL JUAN CARLOS ((CARRILLO)) SCHLENKER, WHO ARRIVED WITH THE S-11 OF THE GN, MAJOR RICARDO ((ARANGO)) MACAY; THE COMMANDER OF THE ATLACATL IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION (BIRI) LIEUTENANT COLONEL OSCAR ALBERTO ((LEON)) LINARES; THE THEN-DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DNI), COLONEL CARLOS MAURIE10 ((GUZMAN)) AGUILAR, WHO ARRIVED THROUGH THE INNER GATE FROM DNI TO THE HILITARY ACADEMY WITH TWO (NFI) LIEUTENANTS; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY HOSPITAL (NFI). SOME OF THESE WERE ALSO MENTIONED REF AS PARTICIPATING IN THE 15 NOVEMBER 89 MEETING AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY AND SOME OF THE NAMES ARE NEW. HE CANNOT SAY WHEN THE MEETING ENDED ON WHEN THE PARTICIPANTS DEPARTED THE HILITARY ACADEMY, BECAUSE HE WAS OFF COMMENT: PERHAPS DUTY DURING PART OF THE AFTERNOON. THIS IMPRESSIVE RECALL OF INFORMATION IS EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THE MURDERS BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THE NEXT MORNING, AND THE VISITS

DECAME SIGNIFICANT.

5. AT ABOUT 6:00 P.M.
ON 15 NOVEMBER 89, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE HILITARY ACADEMY,
HAJOR CARLOS ((CAMILO)) HERNANDEZ BEGAN TO CALL INDIVIDUALS BY
RADIO TO ORDER THEM TO THE HILITARY ACADEMY. HE SAID THAT CAMILO

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HERNANDEZ FIRST SPECIFICALLY BY NAME CALLED LIEUTENANT YUSSHI RENE ((MENDOZA)) VALLECILLOS AND LIEUTENANT GONZALO ((GUEVARA)) CERRITOS, WHO PROMPTLY PRESENTED THEMSELVES. CAMILO HERNANDLZ TOLD THE TWO THAT MILITARY ACADEMY DIRECTOR COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO WANTED TO SPEAK WITH THEM. WHEN THEY CAME OUT FROM TALKING TO BENAVIDES, MENDOZA VALLECILLOS AND GUEVARA CERRITOS GATHERED THE TROOPS OF THE BIRL ATLACATL, WHO WERE ALREADY PRESENT ON THE MILITARY ACADEMY GROUNDS, AND BEGAN TO CALL OUT SEVERAL NAMES FROM EACH PLATOON, USING ONLY NICKNAMES.

- 6. AT ABOUT THIS POINT, CIRCA 7:00 P.M., GUEVARA CERRITOS ORDERED AND THE OTHERS TO GO WITH HIM TO CETIPUL, THE POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY IN SANTA TECLA, FOR THE UNIFORMS.

 THE UNIFORMS THEY PICKED UP WERE NEW, AMERICAN "LUXURY" HODELS, COMPLETE WITH "JUNGLE BOOTS".

 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNIFORMS WERE BEING GIVEN AS PERKS TO THE BIRL ATLACATE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION. DURING THE TIME THAT THESE SELECTED TROOPS WERE GETTING DRESSED IN THE NEW UNIFORMS AND PUTTING ON CAMOUFLAGE PAINT, ETC., CAMILO HERNANDEZ WAS CIRCULATING AMONG THEM AND REMEMBERS HEARING HIM TELL THE TROOPS, "YOU WILL HAVE ALL OF MY AND MY COLONEL'S (I.E., BENAVIDES') SUPPORT".
- THE SELECTED TROOPS, INCLUDING MENDOZA VALLECTLOS AND GUEVARA CERRITOS, DEPARTED THE MILITARY ACADEMY IN A BEIGE MILITARY PICKUP TRUCK SONETIME BETWEEN 8:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. WHEN THEY RETURNED, AT ABOUT 3:00 A.M. OR 4:00 A.M. 16 NOVEMBER, COLONEL BENAVIDES GREETED THE TRUCK AT THE GATE OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS ASKED FOR A CUP OF COFFEE, WHE JUST KILLED THE HEADS OF THE FOLD. I THINK THE WAR WILL END NOW BECAUSE MY COLONEL SAID KILLING THEM WOULD END IT." THEN, ACCORDING TO THE TROOP TOLD HIM THEY HAD ALL BEEN GIVEN SEVERAL DAYS OFF.
- 8. A DAY OR TWO LATER, ON 17 OR 18 NOVEMBER,

 HE WENT TO THE ON-SITE TAILOR'S SHOP AT THE HILITARY

 ACADERY WITH LT. VALLECILLOS TO GET THE TAILOR TO HEND ONE OF LT.

 VALLECILLOS' HILITARY BLOUSES. WHILE IN THE SHOP,

 LT. VALLECILLOS SAID TO THE TAILOR (AN OLD MAN WHO HAS

 WORKED FOR DECADES AT THE ACADEMY): "I SURE HOPE MY COLONEL

 WON'T TURN ME IN." HE ADDED THAT HE FELT BADLY ABOUT THE KILLING

 OF THE JESUITS AND HAD NOT WANTED TO DO 11, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE ONE

 OF THE PRIESTS, IGNACIO MARTIN ((BARO)) HAD ONCE BEEN HIS PROFESSOR.

 BUT, HE ADDED, IT HAD BEEN A DIRECT ORDER, AND BESIDES, HE SAID THAT

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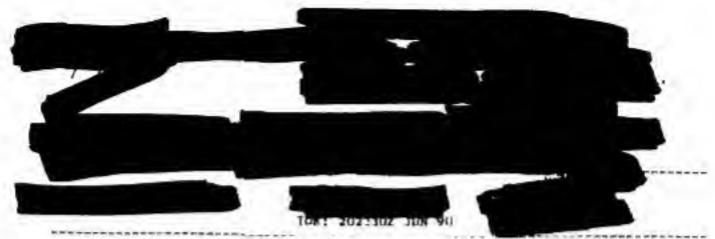
AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL BUSTILLO HAD OFFERED HIM PILOT TRAINING AS REWARD. COL. BENAVIDES AT SOME POINT WENT TO THE TAILOR AND WARNED HIM NOT TO TALK ABOUT ANYTHING HE MIGHT HAVE SEEN OR HEARD REGARDING THE JESUIT CASE.

HAD BEEN SENT TO THE UCA CAMPUS ON/ABOUT 13-14 NOVEMBER AND ORDERED BY COL. BENAVIDES TO CONDUCT A SCOUTING MISSION FOR POSSIBLE FMLN ARMS CACHES. DURING THIS MISSION, VALLECILLOS SPOKE WITH PR. BARO, APPARENTLY IN A FRIENDLY WAY. UPON HIS RETURN TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY, VALLECILLOS PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO COL. BENAVIDES AND ONLY REALIZED LATER, ON 15 NOVEMBER, THAT THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE SCOUTING MISSION HAD BEEN TO PREPARE FOR THE MISSION TO KILL THE JESUITS ON THE MIGHT OF 15 NOVEMBER.

10. HE SAID TRAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES OF THOSE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLINGS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVING WRITTEN DEATH THREATS; ID NOT SPECIFY WHOSE FAMILIES AND NO ONE APPARENTLY KNOWS FROM WHOM THE NOTES COME. ALSO SAID THE DETAINED BIR! ATLACATE HEMBERS ARE BEING HELD AT THE NATIONAL POLICE AND WELL-TREATED. EVEN TO THE POINT OF BEING REGULARLY TAKEN OUT FOR DUTINGS TO THE BEACH AND TO MEET WOMEN. SOME OF THEM TO SPEND NIGHTS IN THEIR OWN HOMES. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE FROM THE RUNOR MILL, AS ALLEGATIONS OF "SPECIAL" TREATMENT, INCLUDING BEACH DUTINGS, ARE WIDELY DIS-CUSSED HERE.) HE SAID THEY HAD BETTER ENJOY WHAT THEY HAVE NOW RECAUSE IT IS "COMMON KNOWLEDGE" THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY ORDERED THAT THEY ALL BE CONDENNED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON. MEANWHILE, THEY ARE ALL BITTER BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT/U.S. EMBASSY ARE CONSPIRING WITH THE "TANDONA" TO ENSURE THAT THE OFFICERS IMPLICATED ALL WILL GO FREE. COMMENT: APPEARS TO BE HORE RUMOR HILL.

OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY BELIEVE THAT THE ACADEMY LOG BOOKS CONTAINING NAMES AND VEHICLES OF ENTRIES AND EXITS ON 15 AND 16 NOVEMBER WERE REALLY BURNED. HE AND THE OTHERS THINK THAT SOMEONE SUCH AS BENAVIDES IS HOLDING THE LOGBOOKS FOR THEIR PERSONAL DEFENSE AND THAT IF IT LOOKS LIKE THE INVESTIGATION WILL ACCUSE OR CONVICT THEM, THEY WILL PULL THEM OUT TO IMPLICATE THE REST OF THOSE WHO WERE REALLY INVOLVED.







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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS SURBOUNDING THE MURDER OF JESUIT

PRIESTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA

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ON 15 NOVEMBER 1989 AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS, MILITARY SCHOOL DEPUTY COMMANDER CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) DRDERED, BY RADIO, ATLACATL BATTALION LIEUTENANTS TUSSHY RENE ((HENDOZA)) AND GONZALO ((GUEVARA)) TO REPORT TO THE MILITARY SCHOOL, HIPON THEIR ARRIVAL, MAJOR HERNANDEZ ADVISED THEM THAT MILITARY SCHOOL COMMANDER COLONEL GUILLERMO ((BENAVIDES)) MISHED TO SPEAK WITH THEM, AND THE TWO LIEUTENANTS WENT IMMEDIATELY TO BENAVIDES' OFFICE. AFTER THE MEETING WITH BENAVIDES, THE TWO LIEUTENANTS ASSEMBLED THE ATLACATL BATTALION TROOPS PRESENT AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND BEGAN TO CALL OUT SEVERAL NAMES FROM EACH PLATOUN,

USING ONLY NICKNAMES.

- 3. AT APPROXIMATELY 1900 HOURS, LIEUTENANT GUEVARA ORDERED SEVERAL SOLDIERS ON DUTY AT THE HILITARY ACADEMY TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACADEMY (CETIPOL) IN SANTA TECLA TO PICK UP SOME UNIFORMS. THE GROUP, LEAD BY LIEUTENANT GUEVARA, ARRIVED AT CETIPOL AND WAS MET BY CETIPOL DIRECTOR COLONEL RIGOBERTO ((SOTO)) MARTINEZ, WHO GAVE THE GROUP APPROXIMATELY 15 BOXES OF NEW CAMOUFLAGE UTILITY UNIFORMS WITHOUT INSIGNIA ON PATCHES OF ANY KIND. THE GROUP RETURNED TO THE HILITARY ACADEMY AND THE NEW UNIFORMS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BIRI ATLACATL TROOPS SELECTED BY LIEUTENANTS MENDOZA AND GUEVARA. AS THE SOLDIERS DRESSED IN THE NEW UNIFORMS AND PUT ON CAMOUFLAGE PAINT, MAJOR HERNANDEZ CIRCULATED AMONG THE SOLDIERS OFFERING THEM ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.
- HOURS THE SELECTED GROUPS, ACCORPANIED BY LIEUTENANTS GUEVARA AND MENDOZA, DEPARTED THE MILITARY SCHOOL IN A BEIGE MILITARY PICK-UP TRUCK. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, A SECOND BEIGE MILITARY PICK-UP TRUCK WITH SEVERAL SOLDIERS DEPARTED THE MILITARY SCHOOL AS WELL.
 - 5. AT APPROXIMATELY 0400 HOURS ON THE HORNING OF



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16 NOVEMBER 1989 THE PICK-UP TRUCKS RETURNED TO THE MILITARY SCHOOL. COLONEL BENAVIDES MET THE TRUCKS AT THE FRONT GATE. OF THE ACADEMY. AS THE TROOPS DISPERSED, ONE SOLDIER WAS OVERHEARD TO SAY THAT THE SOLDIERS HAD JUST KILLED "THE HEADS OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN)." THE SOLDIER EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT, AS A RESULT OF THESE KILLINGS, THE WAR WOULD END SOON BECAUSE COLONEL BENAVIDES HAD SAID KILLING THE "FMLN HEADS" WOULD END 11.

6. ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989 AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS COLONEL BENAVIDES GATHERED ALL OF THE SOLDIERS WHO HAD BEEN ON GHARD DUTY AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL ON 15 AND 16 NOVEMBER. COLONEL BENAVIDES ORDERED THE GROUP TO MAINTAIN TOTAL SILENCE ABOUT THE MURDERS OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO OTHERS. HE INFORMED THEM THAT THE OFFICIAL STORY THEY WOULD ALL ADHERE TO WAS THAT THE FMLN HAD INFILTRATED THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA CAMPUS AND MURDERED THE JESUITS AND TWO LAY PERSONS. COLONEL BENAVIDES

REITERATED THAT THE SOLDIERS WERE NOT TO SPEAK TO ANYONE ABOUT THE MURDERS OF "WE WILL ALL BE DEAD."

- 7. ON APPROXIMATELY 18 NOVEMBER 1989 LIEUTENANT MENDOZA PRIVATELY EXPRESSED REMORSE AT HAVING KILLED THE JESUIT PRIESTS AND EXPRESSED HIS MOPE THAT COLONEL BENAVIDES WOULD NOT "TURN US IN." LIEUTENANT MENDOZA SAID THAT HE HAD NOT WANTED TO KILL THE JESUIT PRIESTS BUT HAD RECEIVED A DIRECT ORDER TO DO SO, HE ADDED THAT THE KILLINGS WERE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR MIN BECAUSE ONE OF THE MURDERED PRIESTS, IGNACIO MARTIN ((BARO)), HAD BEEN HIS PROFESSOR AT ONE TIME. LIEUTENANT MENDOZA ALSO SAID THAT THEN AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)) HAD OFFERED HIM PILOT TRAINING AS A REMARD FOR HIS (MENDOZA'S) PARTICIPATION IN THE KILLINGS.
- HOURS SEVERAL HIGH RANKING OFFICERS HAD ARRIVED AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL. THESE OFFICERS INCLUDED CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)); THEN AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL BUSTILLO; THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, COLONEL DIONISIO ISNAEL ((MACHUCA)); FIRST BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL FRANCISCO ((ELENA)) FUENTES; THEN-DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURY POLICE, LIEUTENANT COLONEL HECTOR HERIBERTO ((HERNANDEZ)) HERNANDEZ; THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN), COLONEL JUAN CARLOS ((CARRILLO)) SCHLENKER, WHO ARRIVED WITH GN INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MAJOR RICARDO ((ARANGO)) HACAY; THE COMMANDER OF THE ATLATACL BATTALION, LIEUTENANT COLONEL OSCAR ALBERTO ((LEON)) LINARES; THE THEN-DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE, COLONEL CARLOS MAURICIO ((GUZMAN)) AGUILAR; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY



HOSPITA:. COMMENT: THE SOLDIER DID NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR THE MEETING AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY NOR DID HE KNOW WHAT WAS DISCUSSED THERE.) (COMMENT: ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED OFFICERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECTIORS WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN ZONE. DURING THE NOVEMBER 1989 FMLN OFFENSIVE. ADDITIONALLY, THE HILITARY ACADEMY SERVED AS A ZONAL COMMAND POST, UNDER THE COMMAND OF COLONEL BENAVIDES.)



PONCE PROTECTED LIEUTENANT COLONEL HERNANDEZ FROM PROSECUTION IN THE JESUIT HURDER CASE. HERNANDEZ

WAS THE OFFICER WHO ASSEMBLED ALL THE UTILIZES NOW UNDER ARREST IN THE JESUIT CASE.

COMMENT:

CLARIFY WHAT HE MEANT BY HERNANDEZ' ASSEMBLING THE OFFICERS.

HERNANDEZ WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF THE JESUIT MURDERS. HE WAS TRANSFERRED IN HE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE BELLOSO BATTALION IN EARLY HARCH 1990. HERNANDEZ IS A MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 1973. HE IS A FAVORITE OF PONCE, AND IN A MUCH TALKED ABOUT RECENT SHIPFLING OF CLASS RANKINGS, MOVED UP CONSIDERABLY TO BECOME NUMBER ONE IN HIS CLASS. HE WAS RECENTLY NAMED BY LIEUTENANT HENDOZA AS HAVING ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF LOGS AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL USED TO RECORD THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF VEHICLES THERE.)

- 11. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: IF THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS DESCRIBED IN PARAS 2-4 IS ACCURATE, THEN WE HAVE TO REEXAMINE THE QUESTION OF WHERE, WHEN AND BY WHOM THE DECISION WAS MADE TO SEND ELEMENT OF ATLACATL INTO THE UCA CAMPUS. TO DATE, A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION AND INTERPRETATION HAS GONE INTO RECONSTRUCTING THE 11 NOVEMBER EVENING MEETING OF THE ESAF HIGH COMMAND, TO DETERMINE IF SOMETHING SAID OR MISINTERPRETED DURING THAT DISCUSSION WAS THE GENESIS OF THE JESUIT OPERATION. AVAILABLE INFORMATION HAS THE HIGH COMMAND MEETING AT THE ESTADO MAYOR BEGINNING AT 1900 HOURS AND ENDING SOME THREE AND A HALF HOURS LATER. THIS SOURCE'S SEQUENCE OF EVENTS HAS MAJOR HERNANDEZ ORDERING THE TWO LIEUTENANTS TO REPORT TO COLONEL BENAVIDES SOMETIME BETWEEN 1800 AND 1900 HOURS. THAT WOULD INDICATE A PRE-1800 HOURS DECISION, HENCE NOT ONE TAKEN AT THE HIGH COMMAND MEETING.
- 12. THERE ARE OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THIS STORY AND OTHER VERSIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THEIR ORIGINAL DECLARATIONS



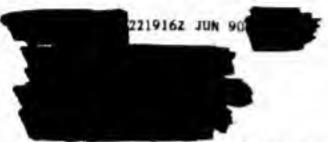
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THE THREE IMPLICATED LIEUTENANTS (ESPINOZA, MEMDOZA AND CERTIOS)
ALL TOLD OF RECEIVING THE ORDER FROM COLONEL BENAVIDES ON, OR
ASOUT 2330 HOURS. ALTROUGH THE THREE STATEMENTS HAVE BLEN DIES
AVOWED IN THEIR OFFICIAL TESTIMONY, WE HAVE WORKED UNDER THE

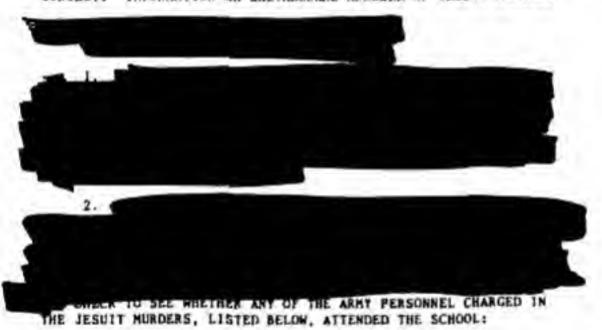
ASSUMPTION THAT THIS IS WHEN THE LIEUTENANTS WERE GIVEN THE COMMAND, NOT, AS THIS REPORT STATES, SOME FOUR-FIVE HOURS EARLIER.)







SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON SALVADORANS ACCUSED OF JESUIT MURDERS



COL. GUILLERMO ALFREDO BENAVIDES HORENO

LT. YUSHSY RENE MENDOZA VALLECIOS

LT. JOSE RICARDO ESPINOZA GUERRA

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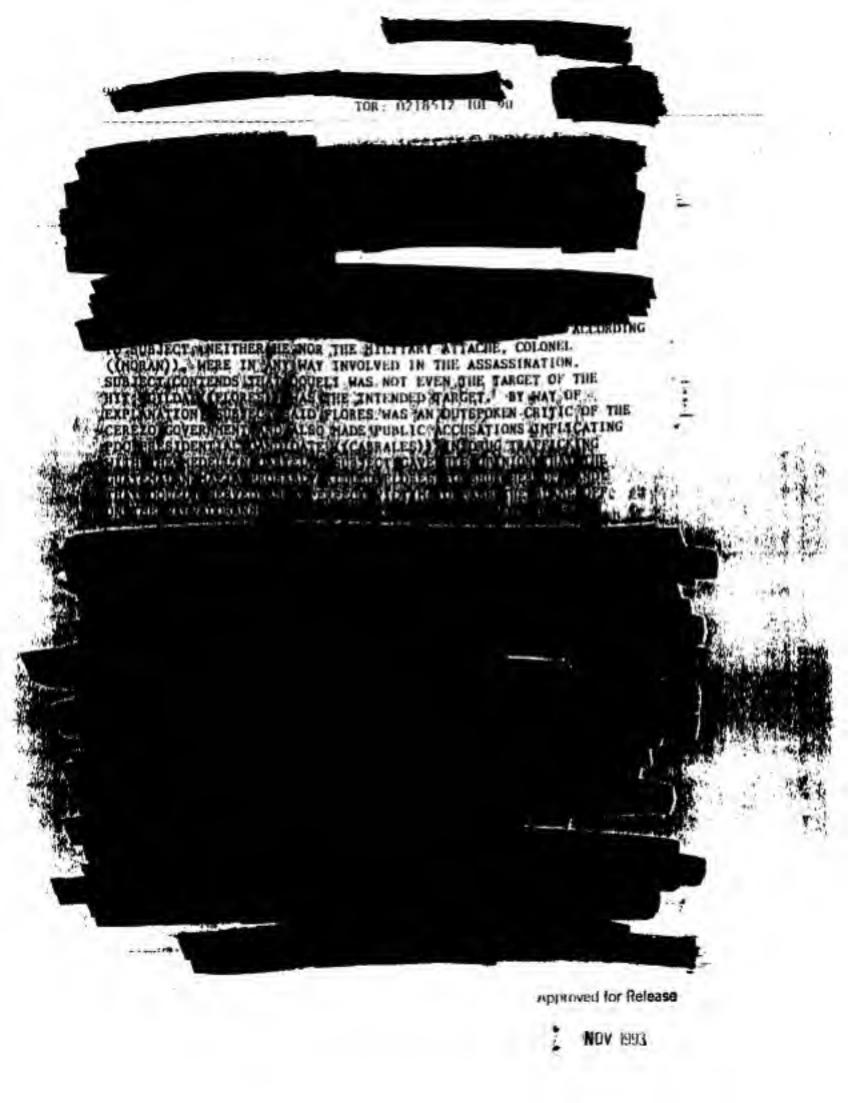
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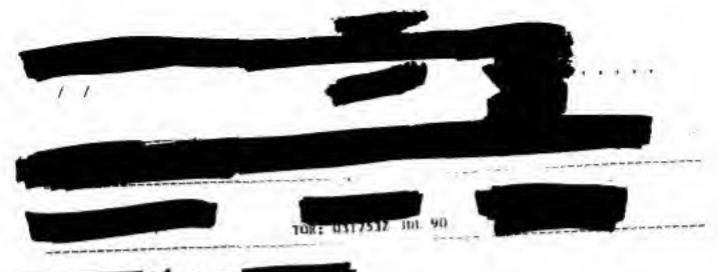
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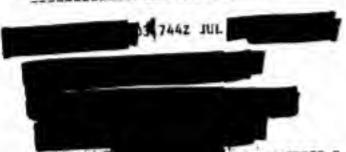
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PVT. JORGE ALBERTO SIERRA ASENCIO









- FRANCISCO R.R. DE SOLA SUB JECT :

ACTION REQUIRED: SEE PARA 2

EQUEST TRACES ON THE POLLOWING INDIVIDUAL:

NAME: IFRANCISCO R. R. DE SOLA (SUBJECT)
NATIONALITY: SALVADOREAN, RESIDENT IN GUATENALA
REGRETATISUFFICIENT DIO DATA SAVAILABLE.

RECEIVED THIS REQUEST, FROM THE AMBASSADOR WHO RECEIVED THE FROM GUBJECT WHO SETATED THAT HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF HECTOR OQUEL I COLINDRES, OF EL SEALVADOR IS AND WILLDA FLORES, A GUATEMALAN ATTORNEY. FRANCISCO DE GOLA GAID THAT THIS COUSIN OR ANDO DE GOLA, KENTIONED AS CHAPLYCATED IN THE DOUBLE CRIMETAL OF ESTANDOCENT A CHAPTERING OF THE DOUBLE CRIMETAL OF ESTANDOCENT A CHAPTERING OF THE DOUBLE CRIMETAL OF THE DOUBLE

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MAINTAINS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SENIOR OFFICERS. IN EARLY
AUGUST 1990 HE VISITED SAN SALVADOR WHERE HE NET WITH HINISTER
OF DEFENSE LARIOS AND CHIEF OF STAFF PONCE. ONE OF THE
SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WAS THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS LAST YEAR.

SAID THAT LARIOS TOLD HIM THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHO KILLED
THE PRIESTS, BUT BELIEVED IT WAS COLUMNEL BENAVIDES. LARIOS
SAID THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE, HOMEVER. LARIOS DID SAY THAT
NEITHER HE NOR PONCE HAD GIVEN THE ORDER FOR THE MURDERS.





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SUBJECT:

TRACES ON FOUR KEY
SALVADORAN MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WERE AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL
THE NIGHT OF THE JESUIT HURDERS

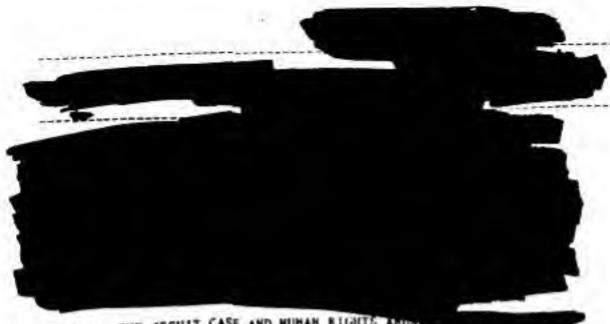
1. FOLLOWING ARE HOS TRACES ON THE FOUR SALVADORAN
OFFICERS WHOM LT COL CARLOS CAMILO HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY COMMANDER
AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL, NAMED AS HAVING BEEN AT THE SCHOOL THE
NIGHT OF THE JESUIT MURDERS:

A. MAJOR ((VIDES)) LUCHA, ASSIGNED TO THE ARMED FORCES TRAINING CENTER: ONE CAPTAIN HERBERT OSMALDO ((VIDES)) LUCHA, DPOB 2 MARCH 1955, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO THE D-IV AT THE SIXTH INFANTRY BRIGADE IN 1987, WAS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APRIL 1987 RICC PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS COURSE IN GUATEMALA CITY, GHATEMALA. VIDES WAS D-4 AT THE SIXTH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

B. MAJOR ((CASTILLO)) GONZALEZ, ATTENDING THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS AT FT. BENNING, GA.: SUBJECT IS PROBABLY IDENTIFIABLE WITH HAJOR HIGHEL ((CASTILLO)) GONZALEZ, DPOB 14 JANUARY 1956, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, WHO IS AT THE SCHOOL OF AMERICAS AND WHO IS REGISTERED IN THE INTERAGENCY SOURCE REGISTER.

C. THERE ARE NO IDENTIFIABLE HOS TRACES ON CAPT JULIO ((GARCIA)) OLIVA, REPORTED TO BE AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL, AND





CONCERN AMONG THE OFFICER CORPS CONCERNING THE JESUIT CASE.

HAD INCREASED SHARPLY OVER THE PAST HEEK IND. TO TWO EVENTS:

A. AN ANTI-CRIPDES (ANTI FRIM) RELIGIOUS GROUP HELD A SEMINAR ON 23 JULY AT THE HOTEL PRESIDENTI. WHITH WAS ATTEMBED BY OVER 100 OFFICERS;

WASHINGTON, D.C. PRESENTED A TALK AT THE ESTAIN HAYON CONFERENCE HALL, WHICH DREW AN OVERFLOW CROWD OF OFFICERS (THORIGIN NONE FROM THE HIGH CONGULD). IN BOTH CASES THE MESSAGE WAS THE SAME: UNTIL ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JESUIT KILLINGS ARE IDENTIFIED AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE NONE OF EL SALVADOR'S FRIENDS CAN PREVENT A CUT OFF BY CONGRESS OF HILLTARY AID. THIS CASE OVERSHADOWS ALL THE GOOD THINGS THE COVERNANCE IS DOING, INCLUDING THE DIALOGUE WITH THE FILM.



ESUIT CASE: THE FOUR OFFICERS IDENTIFIED BY LT. COLONEL 'ANDEZ AS BEING KEY OFFICERS AT THE HILITARY SCHOOL THE T. JESUIT MURDERS OFFER A NEW LINE OF INVESTIGATION.

THE OFFICERS ARE: MAJOR VIDES LUCHA, WHO WAS THE CADEL COMMANDER AND NOW ASSIGNED TO THE CEFA (ARMED FURCES TRAINING CENTER); MAJOR CASTILLO GONZALEZ, NOW AT THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS AT FT. BENNING; CAPTAIN JULIO GARCIA OLIVA, STILL AT THE MILLIARY SCHOOL; AND CAPTAIN FUENTE RODAS, NOW AT THE DM IV.

SCHOOL: AND CAPTAIN FUENTE RODAS, NOW AT THE DM IV.

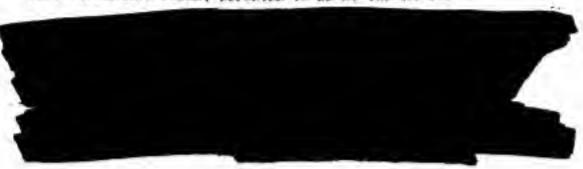
FUENTE RODAS WANTS TO RESIGN HIS CONNISSION, AND HAY BE
THE WEAK LINK.

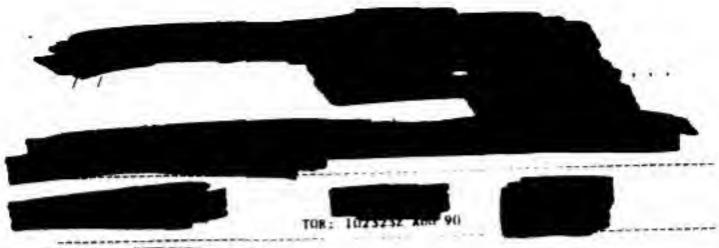
RE-CALLED BY JUDGE ZAMORA AND ASKED TO GIVE NEW STATEMENTS.
THUS GIVEN THE CHANCE TO CHANGE OR AND TO THEIR ORIGINAL
STATEMENTS. GENERAL VILLAMARIONA, COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE,
TOLD
THAT ALL FOUR MAY BE READY TO TALK.



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CAPT ((FUENTE)) RODAS, REPORTED TO BE AT THE DM IV.







COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

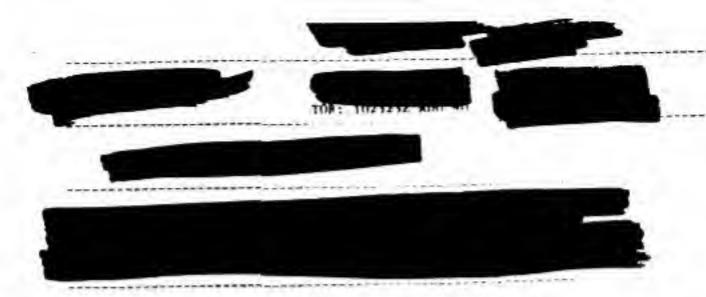
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DISCUSSION AMONG SUPPORTERS OF BOBERTO D'AUBILISSON OF PLANS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT CRISTIANI AND DTHER

POLITICAL FIGURES

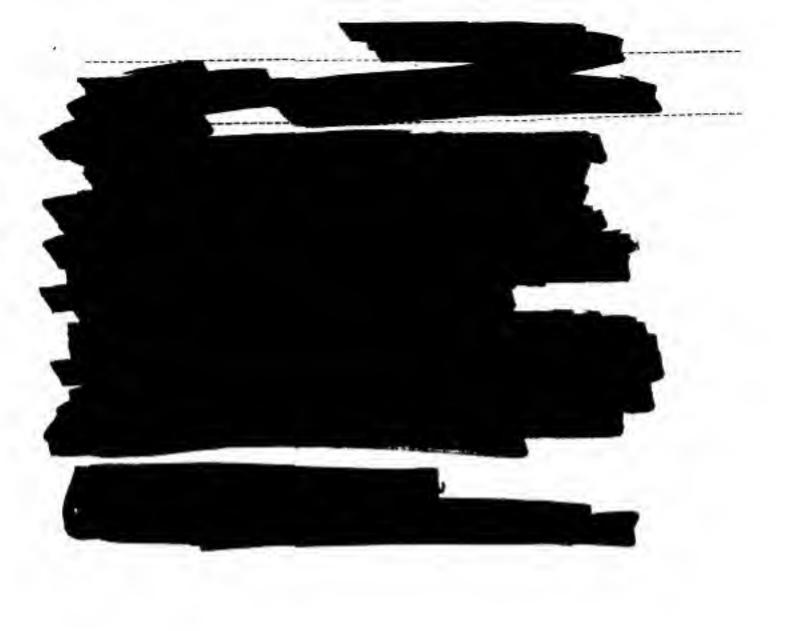
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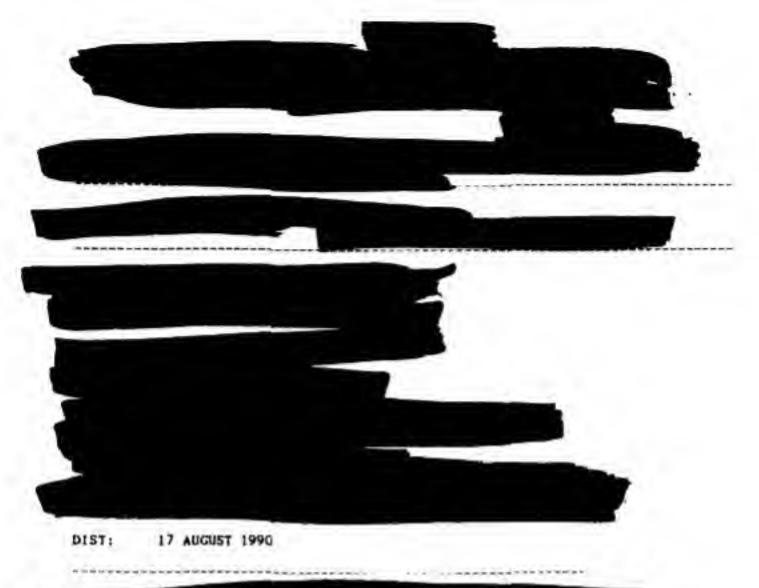
EARLY AUGUST 1990



- TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY AUGUST 1990 NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN
 ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARTY MEMBERS CLOSE TO ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON))
 WERE DISCUSSING WAYS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT ALFREIN
 ((CRISTIANI)), HIS CLOSEST PERSONAL ADVISORS AND SELECTED
 CABINET HINISTERS. ONE POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED WAS ASSASSINATING
 CRISTIANI AND BIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES AT A SOCIAL EVENT. ACCORDING
 TO THIS PLAN. CRISTIANI, HIS ADVISORS AND SELECTED CABINET
 MEMBERS WOULD BE INVITED TO AN IMPORTANT SOCIAL EVENT WHICH WOULD
 BE CONTROLLED BY D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS. DURING THE COURSE
 OF THE EVENT, THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS WOULD RILL THEIR INTENDED TARGETS AND ESCAPE.
- CRISTIANI AND HIS ASSOCIATES DURING A FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) OFFENSIVE. THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS BELIEVE THAT, SHOULD ANOTHER FMLN OFFENSIVE OCCUR, IT WOULD BE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ASSASSINATE CRISTIANI AND HIS ADVISORS. ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN, D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS COULD ASSASSINATE THEIR INTENDED TARGETS USING THE CONFUSION OF AN FMLN OFFENSIVE AS CONCEALMENT OF THE ACT. THE ASSASSINATIONS WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE BLAMED ON THE FMLN. THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS COMPARED THIS PLAN TO THE ALLEGED MILITARY KILLING OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS ON 15 NOVEMBER 1989, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS ARE CONFIDENT THEIR INVOLVEMENT WOULD NOT BE DISCOVERED.
- D'AUBUISSON IS FRUSTRATED OVER HIS INABILITY TO PENEIRATE THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICES DUE TO THE VIRTUAL BLOCKADE PRESENTED BY CRISTIANI'S "INNER CIBCLE." D'AUBUISSON'S LOYALISTS WITHIN ARENA ARE PROBABLY REACTING TO D'AUBUISSON'S OUTWARD MANIFESTATION OF THIS FRUSTRATION AND HAVE BEGUN TO DISCUSS MEANS BY WHICH THEY CAN ELININATE THE SOURCE OF D'AUBUISSON'S PROBLEMS, I.E., CRISTIANI, HIS ADVISORS, AND SELECTED CABINET MINISTERS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT IN MIND THAT MANY OF D'AUBUISSON'S LOYALISTS ARE POLITICALLY UNSOPHISTICATED AND QUICK TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE TO REMEDY THEIR PROBLEMS, WHICH MAKES THEM ALL THE MORE DANGEROUS.)







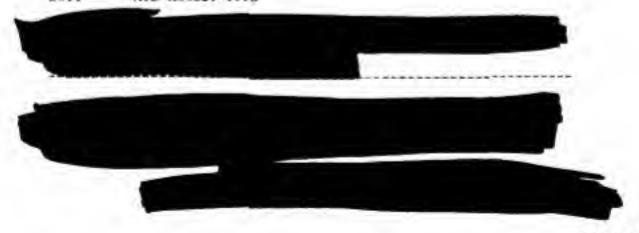


COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ:

DISSATISFACTION IN THE OFFICER CORPS OVER THE FAILURE OF CHIEF OF STAFF PONCE TO RESOLVE THE JESUIT CASE AND REMOVE CORRUPT AND INCOMPETENT SENIOR OFFICERS

DOI: MID-AUGUST 1990



NUMBER OF OFFICERS ARE UNHAPPY WITH CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL RENE.
EMILIO ((PONCE)) BECAUSE OF HIS FAILURE TO RESOLVE THE CASE OF THE
NOVEMBER 1989 HUNDERS OF JESUIT PRIESTS, AND TO REMOVE CHRRUPT AND
INCOMPETENT OFFICERS FROM SENIOR ARMY POSTS.

- THE DISSATISFIED SEGMENTS OF
 THE ARMY INCLUDE A GROUP OF CAPTAINS (THE SAME GROUP WHO PRESENTED A
 LIST OF COMPLAINTS TO PONCE IN LATE 1989), A GROUP OF MAJORS AND
 LIEUTENANTS WHO SHARE THEIR GOALS, AND A NUMBER OF LIEUTENANT
 COLONELS FROM THE 1970 AND 1971 TANDAS.

 TANDA IS A MILITARY ACADEMY GRADUATION (LASS.) THE SENIOR OFFICER
 SAID THAT AMONG THE LIEUTENANT COLONELS ARE THE COMMANDERS OF ALL THE
 IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALIONS, AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF MANY
 BRIGADES. THESE OFFICERS PLAN TO REMOVE PONCE AS DEFENSE MINISTER IF
 HE DOES NOT TAKE CLEAR AND DECISIVE STEPS TO RESOLVE THE JESUIT
 KILLINGS AND REMOVE THE CORRUPT SENIOR OFFICERS.

 COMMENT: IT
 IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT PONCE WILL BE NAMED MINISTER OF DEFENSE ON 31
 AUGUST.)
- THESE OFFICERS BELIEVE
 COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) ACTED ON ORDERS FROM THE HIGH
 COMMAND WHEN HE KILLED THE JESUITS. ALTHOUGH NO CONCRETE INFORMATION
 ON SUCH INVOLVEMENT HAS YET EXERGED, THEY CLAIN THAT MANY OFFICERS
 ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE HIGH COMMAND'S INVOLVEMENT AND ARE BEGINNING
 TO TALK, NOT ONLY TO FELLOW OFFICERS BUT TO OTHERS OUTSIDE THE ARMED
 FORCES.
- THE JESUITS CLAIM TO HAVE
 "PROOF" THAT BENAVIDES ACTED ON ORDERS AND THAT THEY WILL MAKE THIS
 INFORMATION PUBLIC IF THE HIGH COMMAND DOES NOT. IN ADDITION, MANY
 AIR PORCE OFFICERS HAVE DISCUSSED A MEETING AT THE AIR FORCE ON THE
 EVENING OF 15 NOVEMBER 1989 (FOLLOWING THE COMMANDERS MEETING AT THE
 ESTADO MAYOR) AT WHICH THEN AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL JUAN
 ((BUSTILLO)) REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO KILL
 THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT
 (FMLN), SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING IGNACIO ((ELLACURIA)), "WHETHER OR
 NOT IT IS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT."

 COMMENT: THERE HAVE
 BEEN RUMORS THAT BUSTILLO MENTIONED THE NEED/DESIREABILITY OF KILLING
 THE JESUITS AT A MEETING AT THE AIR FORCE ON THE NIGHT OF 15
 NOVEMBER, BUT NO AIR FORCE OFFICER TO DATE HAS ADMITTED THIS.)
- INVOLVEMENT IN THE CASE BECAME KNOWN AS A RESULT OF STATEMENTS BY

COLCNEL CARLOS ((AVILES)), PONCE ANGRITY FORMENTED AT A COMMANDER'S MEETING THAT "AVILES IS A TRAITOR." AT A SEPARATE COMMANDER'S MEETING IN DECEMBER, PONCE COMMENTED THAT "NONE OF US WOULD BE HERE IF: HAD NOT MADE HARD DECISIONS." COMMENT: THIS LATTER REMARK DID NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE JESUIT MUNDERS AT THE TIME, ALTHOUGH IN RETROSPECT MANY OFFICERS NOW BELIEVE THAT PONCE WAS REFERRING TO THE JESUIT KILLINGS.)

- 6. SEPARATELY MANY OFFICERS ARE SATING THAT THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON THE JESUIT MURDERS IS ACCURATE. PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) COMMENTED THAT THE REPORT CONTAINED ONLY ALLEGATIONS, AND THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM WOULD EVENTUALLY UNCOVER THE TRUTH. A RELATIVE OF COLONEL BENAVIDES STATED THAT BENAVIDES IS READY TO NAME PONCE AS THE AUTHORITY WHO ORDERED THE MURDERS OF THE JESUITS. A SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD (BY A SOURCE HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY) THAT BENAVIDES IS READY TO NAME PONCE AS THE AUTHOR OF THE MURDERS.
- FATHER-IN-LAW OF AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL RAFAEL

 ((VILLAMARIONA'S)) DAUGHTER STATED THAT THE ORDERS TO KILL THE

 JESUITS CAME FROM AN AMERICAN ADVISOR AND THAT BENAVIDES WAS SET UP

 TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR THE MURDERS. COMMENT: THIS ALLEGATION

 HAS NO CREDIBILITY, BUT SHOWS HOW DESPERATE THE HIGH COMMAND HAS

 BECOME AND TO WHAT LENGTHS SOME ARE WILLING TO GO TO PROTECT THE

 PERPETRATORS OF THE CRIME.)
- BENAVIDES' PURPORTED WILLINGNESS TO
 IDENTIFY PONCE COULD WELL BE A RED HERRING, OR AN INDICATION OF A
 DESPERATE BENAVIDES WHO MAY FINALLY REALIZE THAT THE "TANDONA"
 (MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 1966, OF WHICH BENAVIDES AND PONCE ARE
 MEMBERS) WILL NOT SAVE HIM. OBVIOUSLY, IF HE TESTIFIES THAT PONCE
 ORDERED THE MURDERS OF THE JESUITS, THE CASE WILL TAKE ON AN ENTIRELY
 NEW DIMENSION. FOR THE MOMENT, SUCH TESTIMONY BY BENAVIDES IS
 UNLIKELY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE INFORMATION ABOVE, THERE IS NO
 CONCRETE PROOF THAT ANYONE IN THE HIGH COMMAND GAVE THE ORDER WHICH
 RESULTED IN THE MURDER OF THE JESUITS. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT MANY IN
 THE ARMED FORCES, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, DISLIKE THE TANDONA AND
 HAVE A STAKE IN SEEING ITS POWER IN THE UPPER ECHELONS OF THE
 MILITARY BROKEN.)
- THE OFFICERS SAY THAT PONCE MUST ALSO REMOVE CORRUPT OFFICERS AS HE PROMISED TO DO BEFORE DECEMBER 1989. THE OFFICERS PRESENTED HIM WITH A LIST OF IMPLICATED OFFICERS WHO WERE MAINLY MEMBERS OF THE "TANDONA." ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE MOST EGREGIOUS OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, THE REMAINING





OFFICERS WHO MUST BE REMOVED INCLUDE:

- ((GOMEZ));
- B. FIFTH BRIGADE COMMANDER FOLONEL JUST EMILIO ((CHAVEZ))
- C. SIXTH BRIGADE COMMANDER CULUMET HECTOR HERIBERTO
- D. MILITARY DETACHMENT FIVE CUMMANDER COLONEL ORLANDO ((CARRANZA));
- E. NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER COLONEL JUAN CARLOS ((CARRILLO)) SCHLENKER;
 - F. TREASURY POLICE COMMANDER COLONEL CIRO ((LOPEZ)) ROQUE;
- G. NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER COLONEL DIONISIO ISMAEL ((MACHUCA)):
- H. VICE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SECURITY COLONEL INOCENTE ORLANDO ((MONTANO)).

IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY HE WAS INCLUDED ON THE LIST OF SENIOR OFFICERS WHO MUST GO.

- THE DISGRUNTLED OFFICERS
 HAVE DECIDED TO MAIT UNTIL THE PUBLICATION OF THE 31 AUGUST GENERAL
 ORDER BEFORE APPROACHING PONCE DIRECTLY. MANY ARE REPORTEDLY ARGUING
 THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE UNTIL AFTER THE U.S. CONGRESS RECONVENES
 AND DECIDES THE MATTER OF U.S. HILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EL SALVADOR.
- 11. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I HAVE HEARD, DISCUSSED AND REPORTED ON MUCH THE SAME EXPRESSION OF RESENTMENT AND CALLS FOR CHANGE FROM OFFICERS BELOW THE TANDONA. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT, TO DATE, NO ONE HAS COME FORWARD WITH "CONCRETE PROOF THAT ANYONE IN THE HIGH COMMAND" ORDERED THE KILLINGS, MUCH OF THE DEMAND FOR PERSONNEL CHANGE IS BASED, NOT ON PROVEN CULPABILITY IN THE KILLINGS, BUT ON GROSS INCOMPETENCE IN MANAGING THE ARMED FORCES' RESPONSE TO THE JESUIT CRISIS. MANY OFFICERS BELIEVE AND ARE BEGINNING TO SAY THAT THE PRESENT HIGH COMMAND, INCLUDING PONCE, IS GUILTY OF BRINGING THE INSTITUTION INTO DISREPUTE AND HUMILIATION BY ITS INEPT AND DANGEROUS